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British jets to patrol Iraq exclusion zone and troops may protect Bosnia convoys

Major backs action on two fronts

BY ROBIN OAKLEY AND JAMIE DETTMER

JOHN Major and his senior ministers agreed last night to impose an air exclusion zone over southern Iraq to protect the Shia Muslims and to send British troops to Bosnia-Herzegovina to escort humanitarian aid convoys if the warring factions have agreed to let the relief trucks through.

Britain, France, and America, will tell President Saddam Hussein within the next few days that they will shoot down any Iraqi war-pianes flying over southern Iraq. The ultimatum will be delivered later this week to the Iraqi ambas-

York. Forces from the three allied nations will maintain a 24-hour presence over southern Iraq to stop Saddam's planes attacking Shia Muslims and marsh Arabs in the

region.
Six RAF Tornado aircraft will be sent to enforce the "no-fly zone". The six British reconnaissance aircraft will be accompanied by two refuelling aircraft, and Britain's commitment to the allied force has no time limit. A senior British

government source said last night:

We are determined to stop the repression of the Shias."

The action was agreed yesterday at the emergency meeting of the cabinet's defence and overseas policy committee for which John Major broke his holiday in Spain. The committee was advised by Sir

Nicholas Lyell, the attorney general, that there was full authority for the planned action under existing UN resolutions. The allies have been considering the move for some days, following their growing irritation at what is regarded as "quite blatant" attempts by the Iraqis to hinder the work of hu-

manitarian and arms inspectors the Gulf war casefire.

In what was intended as a lead signal to other European nations, the cabinet meeting also decided that British was leaded as a lead signal to other European nations, the cabinet meeting also decided that British was leaded as a leaded to the that Britain would commit a battalion group and its support elements

— up to 1,800 men — to escorting
humanitarian relief convoys in Bosnia if the UN asks them to do so.

With fears that more than a million

people could starve this winter, the

step up relief to the victims of the multi-sided conflict in the former

Yugoslavia.
The meeting considered four options. The first was to step up the military escorts for those UN convoys which operate with the consent of the warring parties. The second was to provide relief convoys with military escorts that could defend themselves against light opposition. The third was relief convoys with escorts strong enough to see off heavy opposition, and the final option was to send in multilateral forces to establish security coneral forces to establish security corridors along which medical and

food supplies could be sent. The committee yesterday decided that options two, three, and four They estimated that options two and three would require the commitment of 100,000 servicemen. twe-thirds of the size of the British

army, and that the option of estab-lishing security corridors would amount to aimost full-scale war with the commitment of 300,000 men. Downing Street sources said yesteday that the British troops would wear the UN blue helmets and they would not be sent there "to fight their way to Armageddon".

If the going became too rough, and there was significant loss of life, the troops would be pulled out. Mr Major and his colleagues have

Mr Major and his colleagues have opted for stepping up the convoy escorts because they believe that taking any further military action might lead to anacks on UN agency personnel which would lead the UN inevitably to withdraw its relief

The cabinet committee met reached its decisions after nearly six hours of talks. In Washington yesterday the Bush administration released intelligence reports claiming that Saddam is building up ing that Saddam is building up forces in southern Iraq in preparation for a renewed offensive against the Shia Muslims. The intelligence agencies said that 40 to 60 Iraqi combat planes and 700 to 1,000 tanks had been moved to southern Iraq. They said that nine of Iraq's Continued on page 14, col 3

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Donor girl

gives life

and sight

to six By Alison Roberts THE conversation that Jane

Moss had with her healthy daughter shortly before her tenth birthday was more im-portant than she could have

known. For within three weeks of making clear her wish to become an organ

donor, Paula Moss died un-

expectedly and transformed

An eight-month-old girl re

ceived her liver, a man of 57

received her heart, her kid-

neys went to a boy of 16 and a girl of 17, and her comeas

were used to give sight to two

Mrs Moss said yesterday:

"It has made me very happy.

It has taken away some of the

emptiness to know that Paula

lives on and has given life and

sight to six people. It's quite a legacy for a ten-year-old." Paula was taken ill with

after her birthday. By the

time doctors discovered a

brain tumour it was too late; a

week later Paula was being

kept alive by a machine. Her

mother decided the machine should be switched off, knowing she was acting in accordance with her daughter's wishes. "I'm particularly

pleased that a little baby who

was nearly dead has been helped," Mrs Moss said. "I

don't know who the people

are and don't need to know.

The fact that Paula's death

has not been in vain is

enough for me."

people. All are doing well.

the lives of six people.

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UN halts aid to Sarajevo after plane is threatened

FROM TIM JUDAH IN ZAGREB

UNITED Nations officials suspended aid flights into Sarajevo airport yesterday after an RAF cargo plane was reported to have been threatened by anti-aircraft gunners. Officials said that the incident happened at 8.50am after seven out of a planned 23 flights had landed safely.

The plane was taking off when an anti-aircraft position was reported to have "locked on" with a target-seeking radar. A senior UN source said: "The plane fired flares and chaff to evade fire but was locked onto again. It was manoevring, the crew think they were fired upon by 20mm anti-aircraft cannon."

Officials implied that the anti-aircraft gun position was held by Serbs but any sugges tion that the incident could lead to retaliatory air strikes was dismissed. "It would sur-

Bank sees little hope of growth

By George Sivell

BANK of England economists say slow growth of the British economy "should be evident during the remainder of the year" but the improvement in business and consumer confidence seen in May has not been sustained.

The Bank of England Quarterly Bulletin states the economy is still "bumping along the bottom" and that weak consumer demand and the slowing world economy will hold down British

The lukewarm statement coincided with the release of official figures showing a mounting government deficit and a rise in the number of long-term jobless. The public sector borrowing require-ment for the first four months of 1992-3 was £11.3 billion, against £5.9 billion for the same period last year.

The number out of work for more than a year has risen by 64,000 to 905,000, the highest level for four years.

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prise me," said one official.
"Do you see any itchiness for bombs away in Western capitals? They certainly had plen ty of excuses up to now and they haven't done it yet."

Sarajevo airport, which is under UN control, has been closed several times since opening to relief flights less than two months ago. However, this is the first time that an aeroplane is reported to have been threatened in such a manner. The airport was closed in the past because Bosnian and Serb fighters traded fire across the runway.

The central Europa hotel was hit by mortar fire sending up to 800 refugees into the night. One report spoke of snipers then fixing on the refugees. Five people died in the attack and ten were re-

ported injured.

The Belgrade-based news agency Tanjug reported that Serb fighters in the hills around Sarajevo said that they had hit the hotel because Bosnian soldiers were firing from it. In the spring, as the siege of Sarajevo began, Bos-nian units did occupy the building. While the use of refugees as human shields is a relatively common practice in the former Yugoslavia, it is not known if the Bosnians were still using the hotel as a

Ishak Crnogorcevic, the manager, said that he would try to house the refugees in the remaining two storeys of the hotel and the basement. "It will be very crowded," he said, "maybe 20 to a morn, but we will take them all.

There is no other solution." Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, denied that his men were responsible, suggesting that the attack had been carried out by Bosnians to provoke a military intervention which the Serbs were against

Almost 1,000, mostly Serb. women and children left Sarajevo on their way to Belgrade in a convoy accompanied by UN-armoured vehicles. The convoy was or-ganised by the Children's Embassy charity which helped evacuate Croats and Muslims to the Croatian port

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British PoWs died in Stalin's gulag

said last night that it was investigating a report by the Russian security ministry that two British servicemen died in Soviet labour carnos after the second world war. The report came amid growing evidence from KGB archives in Moscow that hundreds of British servicemen died as prisoners in the noto-

rious gulae system. A list of 200 names is being checked against those held by the Army Historical Branch of thousands of missing prisoners from the second world war and the Korean war to see if they match.

One British serviceman. whose name was spelled as Li Letters, page 11 Michael McCay after being

The KGB has revealed that more than 2,000 foreigners, including hundreds of Britons, were held in Siberian labour camps after the second world war, Michael Horsnell and Mary Dejevsky report

retranslated into English from the Cyrillic version, was said in Moscow to have ended up in a KGB prison in the northern port of Archangel. Believed to be a pilot on a convoy carrying planes to Murmansk, Lt McCay found himself a KGB prisoner after being invited to celebrate a successful run aboard a Soviet ship. Later he was moved to the Unzhlag complex in Mordovia, northeast

Russia. He is believed to have The other was named as member the name of a second

Gerald Phillips. Yuri Vidov-sky, a Russian who spent 20 years in prison camps, is reported as saying that had met Phillips in camp No 15-63 at Novocherkassk in southern Russia in 1962. In his words, "He [Phillips] told me he had served in a reconnaissance section of a regiment and was taken prisoner by the Germans in late 1944 on the French border ... He was interrogated by KGB officers every day for five years." Vidovsky said he did not reNo further details of the

McCay or Phillips cases were available from the MoD last night and it is not known if the two men have relatives in Russia's security ministry

revealed that more than 2,000 people from 31 countries, including an undis-closed number of Britons. were imprisoned in the Siberian gulag by Stalin. Soviet authorities had stated previously that the few Britons held had been captured fighting for the Germans but it was now being admitted that many were from the 40,000 Allied prisoners liberated by Continued on page 14. col 1

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Jensen, car of the stars, is driven off the road

died in 1954.

By KEVIN EASON MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

JENSEN, one of the most famous names in British motoring, was last night facing extinction, brought down by a combination of recession and a worldwide reaction against big fuel guzzling cars.

The company, which made its first car in 1926, has been put up for sale after failing to move the market with its £100,000 high-performance \$4 EFI, despite modest ambitions to make only 12 a year. Three of its 20

staff have been made redundant. In its heyday 40 years ago, 3,000 people were employed at its West Bromwich factory. Jensen carved a niche as a fashionable "muscle car" after Clark Gable commissioned the company to build him a sports tourer based on a Ford V8 chassis. Cliff Richard and Henry Cooper drove



Last of the grand tourers: this year's £100,000 S4 Jensens and Tony Curtis was an

enthusiast But unlike some of these showbiz drivers, the company failed to master the art of the comeback. Yesterday's announcement marked the second time that Jensen has expired during hard times. In 1976, the company went into receivership to be relaunched as Jensen Parts and Services. However, the business seemed

to have found a saviour in the form of Hugh Wainwright, millionaire chairman of the property to engineering Unicorn Holdings. He bought a Jen-sen and then bought the factory. He backed the S4 EFI which used a 5.9litre American-built Chrysler engine and weighed two tonnes, almost three times the size of a Mini, gulping 16 miles to the gailon. But there were few buyers and now accoun-

The decline of Jensen mirrors the fortunes of the British motor industry, once awash with interesting and novative names. Many - such as Riley. Wolseley. Hillman, Sunbeam or Standard — have either been absorbed by multi-nationals or disappeared completely. Of the few remaining, Rolls-Royce is hanging on, but with few analysts believing it will survive as a wholly British-owned business. Honda owns 25 per cent of Rover, formerly BL. Reliant, which went into receivership last year, is owned by Beans Engineering in the West Midlands, but is still trying to re-establish itself as a manufacturer

tants from Grant Thornton in

Birmingham have been called in.

of sports cars. Jaguar and Aston Martin are now owned by Ford while Lotus, also is owned by General

Gypsies attack camping curb as charter for persecution

By RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

GYPSIES and travellers face criminal offence to park a curbs on illegal camping as part of government proposals to give greater protection to propose the ending of what Sir George Young, the housing minister, described yes-terday as "the open-ended commitment" on councils to provide sites, and emphasise gypsies' responsibility to proide for themselves.

The government's proposals were made after an increasing level of public dismay at the behaviour of groups such as travellers, Sir George said. Existing legislation in the 1968 Caravan Sites Act was too loosely defined, and did not caser for the emergence of the group known as "New Age travel-lers": the estimated 5,000 mainly single, young, latterday hippies with little respect for other people's property who have emerged in the past three or four years.

Earlier this month, Hampshire police were called in to deal with 3,000 travellers who gathered at sites near Winchester and who set alight and vandalised a council-owned incinerator plant at

Otterbourne. Last night, the government's proposals were denounced by councils and gypsy groups representing the country's 13,500 gypsy caravans. Hughie Smith, president of the National Gypsy Council, who lives in a caravan on a site in Manchester with his family. described the consultation paper as "a modern-day charter for the persecution of gyp-

Mr Smith said it was particularly unfair to tar gypsies with the brush of the New Age travellers. "Hippies are being counted as gypsies," he said. "A gypsy is a travelling person who is born and bred on the road, and whose family has been on the road for generations, and for whom travelling is an economic matter. New Age travellers have no proper family structure and travel around in old buses looking for leafy glades

to do their own thing."
Peter Challis, chairman of the housing committee of the Association of London Authorities' housing committee, said: "It is a shame Sir George has adopted a kneejerk response to this issue, rather than looking at it in a rational way."

The government proposals outlined in the consultation paper, Reform of the Cara-van Sites Act 1968, make it a

caravan on any land without the landowners' consent. At the moment, unlawful camping is remediable under civil rather than criminal law. The government also suggests strengthening the powers of local authorities to deal with illegal campers.

Local authorities will be given powers to tow away llegally-parked caravans, if they obtain a warrant from magistrates; powers to prevent offenders from returning to the same site within two years once evicted; and powers for magistrates' courts to seize caravans as an alternative to fines in the last resort. The reforms would also mean that local authorities would no longer be obliged to provide caravan sites for gypsies

Travellers in England and Wales would have to acquire their own land for sites and apply for planning permission in the normal way. Sir George said that gypsies should also be encouraged to move into permanent

He said that the suggested changes were not designed to tackle public order problems caused by recent parties of New Age travellers. "Home Office ministers are looking urgently at what might be done in this area, in consultation with chief police officers and other interested parties." Mr Smith responded to the proposals by saying that few gypsies wanted to move into

gypsies want that. That is not e point of being a gypsy." Mr Smith accepted the government's point that the growth in gypsy numbers, from an estimated 3.400 gypsy caravans in 1965, to nearly 13,500 today (an estimated 9,000 families) had outstripped the provision of camps. More than 4,500 gypsies are now camped illegally on unauthorised sites, he said.

permanent accommodation.

Only a small minority of

The reason was that councils had failed to provide enough legal sites, Mr Smith said. The Gypsy Council's 12point charter suggested that a remedy would be for local authorities to sell or lease land to gypsies and encouraged gypsies to develop land.

Local authorities said that making sites illegal would leave gypsies without any alternative but to camp illegal-"Where are the gypsies going to get the resources to set up their own sites?," Mr Challis demanded. "Where

are they going to go?"





Douglas Hurd, who broke off a walking holiday, left, John Major pictured in Spain and Malcolm Rifkind

Major breaks holiday for Bosnia talks

POLITICAL EDITOR

FOR yesterday's cabinet committee meeting on Iraq and Bosnia, John Major had to leave the orange and lemon groves of Candeleda in Spain, where he has been holidaying at the villa owned by his friend Tristan Garel-Jones, minister of state at the For-eign Office. Douglas Hurd has had to break off his walking holiday in Tuscany and will continue it in Britain while Mr Major heads back for a few more days in Spain. Two other members of the

defence and overseas policy committee of the cabinet were not recalled for yesterday's meeting. It was considered unnecessary to bring back Michael Heseltine, president of the Board of Trade, who is enjoying the cabinet's most exotic holiday, studying the flora and fauna in Fiji. Tim Eggar, the duty man at the DTI, attended in his place to tackle sanctions questions.

Chancellor Norman Lamont, too, was left undisturbed with his family in Italy while Anthony Nelson, the iunior Treasury minister, deputised. The sight of the Chancellor being hauled back from his holiday, some officials believed, might have given the impression that an economic crisis was looming.



secretary, is touring in France, and her predecessor, Michael Howard, now enviand the weariness of politironment secretary, is in and a fractious parliamenta John Patten, the education ry session, the 22 members of

secretary, has holidayed partthe cabinet have not exactly ly in France and partly in his scattered far and wide in Au-Oxfordshire home. Tony gust. Mr Heseltine apart, the Newton, leader of the Comonly one to venture farther mons, is hoping to enjoy a few days in France later this than Europe is Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chanmonth. Lord Wakeham, leadcellor, who has stayed on for a er of the Lords, has sailed to week's break in California Brittany with his family. after attending the San Fran-David Mellor, the national cisco conference of the American Bar Association.

heritage secretary, took his wife and children to Euro-Disney in France. The family are now together in Dorset. The offices of Sir Patrick Mayhew, Northern Ireland secretary, and of Kenneth Clarke, home secretary, the two top terrorist targets, understandably refuse to divulge their whereabouts, no doubt a blessing to Mr Clarke, who, as health secretary, was hunted down by the media on holiday in 1988 as nurses' pay talks collapsed. But while it is natural for

politicians to try to protect their families from public their families from public peeking it does seem a little stuffy of the Treasury to greet enquiries about Michael Portillo's holiday spot by merely saying it is "abroad". In fact, he has been in Barbados.

Ian Lang, the Scottish sec-retary, is on holiday in Jersey and Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, has spent much of August at the family home on the Isle of Wight, popping into the office from ime to time.

Those who have spent the bulk of their holidays at home are Malcolm Rifkind, the'defence secretary, who has been in Scotland, William Walde grave, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and John MacGregor, the transport secretary.

Agriculture minister John Gummer has remained close to the soil, spending most of his holiday time in his Suf-folk constituency. But for some of his days off he has linked up with David Hunt. the Welsh secretary, for some sailing on the Broads. Mr Hunt previously combined his family around some of the principality's key tourist

Action on two fronts, page 1 Leading article, page 11

Long-term jobless level highest in four years

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent increased 313,000, or 53 per

cent. One in three of 2.76

million unemployed benefit

claimants has now been with-

out work for more than a

of work for more than six

months is also rising fast. In

the quarter to July, the total

rose by 52,000 to 1.49 mil-

lion. More than one in two

unemployed benefit claimants have not worked for

more than six months, de-

The number of people out

THE NUMBER of people out of work for more than a year has risen by 64,000 to 905,000, the highest level in ployment department figures. Long-term unemployment rose in every region of Britain, but the increase was greatest in the South, includ-London, which is now suffering the highest level of unemployment

For all the Franco-British

rivalry within the European

Community, France is the

most popular destination.

Peter Lilley, the social security

secretary, has spent some time at his holiday home near

Dieppe and a week in the

south of France. Gillian

Shephard, the employment

Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, said there were "tentative signs of improvement", because the rate of increase in the quarter to July was almost a third lower than in the previous two quarters. She added: "Desplie this month's rise, long-term unemployment is still about a third lower than it was six

years ago." The number of people out of work for more than a year has risen by 397,000, or 78 per cent, since the current upsurge began. In the past year alone, the number has

CORRECTION

The new MP for Cunning hame South is Brian Donohoe, not Donohue as

wrongly stated in the election

results reported in The Times

in April, and in the recently

House of Commons.

published Times Guide to the

spite the introduction of compulsory interviews with JobCentre officers after six months of claiming benefit.
The number of unemployed benefit claimants aged under 25 was 823,300 in July, almost a third of the total. However, the rise over the past 12 months, at

gests that while young people continue to bear a disproportionate part of the burden of unemployment, the increase over the past year has been bigger among older people-Britain's jobless rate for under 25-year-olds, at 17 per cent, remains below the Euro-

87,000, or 12 per cent, sug-

pean Community average of 18.4 per cent. The most startling change over the past year has been

the rise in unemployment in the South to match levels in the North, which have been high since the recession of the early eighties. Overall, London has a seasonally-ad-

with the West Midlands at 10.6 per cent, against a national average of 9.7 per cent and 11.2 per cent in the

North. □ Labour reacted to the latest surge in the long-term jobless by condemning gov-ernment inactivity in the face of the recession and demanding measures to revive the economy and put people back to work (Nicholas Wood writes). It also said the new figures on public borrowing were yet more evidence of the deepening recession

Frank Dobson, Labour's employment spokesman, said: "The message for Mrs Shephard is: 'Don't just stand there, do something. What's needed are immediate tax incentives to business to invest in new plant and equipment, the release of council funds to put life back into the housebuilding market and more. not fewer, resources to invest in training.

The public sector borrowing requirement has ballooned to £11.3 billion in the first four months of the year, compared with less than £6 billion for the same period last year. Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, said that in Norman Lamont's hands the economy was unravelling with disastrous con sequences.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Republican leader killed in Belfast

The leader of an outlawed Republican paramilitary group was shot dead yesterday after travelling from his Dublin home to Northern Ireland to sort out feuds within the organisation (Richard Ford writes). Jimmy Brown, 35, commander of the small Irish People's Liberation Organisation, was shot at point-blank range as he sat in his parked car in Belfast. Last night, the IRA said it was not responsible for the killing. It was understood Mr Brown may have been killed by people on the fringe of his group and that his death was not linked to differences within it.

A gunman approached the Ford Orion car outside a Gaelic Athletic Association club and fired. Pitting Mr Brown in the head. Witnesses said that Mr Brown seemed to know his killer, Mr Brown, who had been in Belfast since Saturday, had said that he intended to deal with feuds in the group which centred on suspicions that members had set up the killing of a key figure in the organisation, a

set up the killing of a key figure in the organisation, a splinter group of the Irish National Liberation Army. Mr Brown was freed from a 15-year prison term for conspiracy to murder police after his conviction, based on supergrass evidence, was quashed on appeal.

Appeal on sentence

The Director of Public Prosecutions has been given leave to appeal against the sentence imposed on a woman soldier convicted of killing her lover's wife. Susan Christie, then a member of the Ulster Defence Regiment, was jailed earlier member of the Ulster Defence Regiment, was jailed earlier this year for five years for the manslaughter of Penny McAllister, wife of Duncan McAllister, a captain in the Royal Signals. She was acquitted of murder. Evidence was given at the trial that Mrs McAllister had been slashed across the throat. After the trial, Christie's father said that his daughter had expected a longer sentence. She had intended to study an Open University course while in jail, but had cancelled the plans because her sentence was not long enough to see the course through, he said. The appeal against the sentence will be mounted on September 9.

BBC Welsh 'is elitist'

The style of Welsh used in BBC Wales news bulletins can be too complicated, literary and clitist, a survey has shown. Many viewers of S4C, the Welsh language Channel 4 station that uses BBC bulletins, do not understand them. Newscasters are being asked to use more commonly spoken Welsh and to speak more slowly. Beaufort Research, of Cardiff, surveyed Welsh-speaking strongholds such as Caernarfon, Holyhead and Blaenau Ffestiniog, all in Gwynedd, for S4C as part of research into attracting more viewers. Jill Gregson, Beaufort's associate director, said: "We found people had difficulty understanding the news because of the style of the language." About 500,000 news because of the style of the language." About 500,000 people in Wales, approximately 20 per cent of the population, speak Welsh.

Jail chief goes private Private security firms are seeking to recruit prison service

managers as the government presses ahead with plans to contract out prison services (Richard Ford writes). A former governor of Strangeways prison in Manchester, which the government plans to privatise, has joined the private sector as director of projects with Group 4, the organisation that has the contract to run the Wolds prison in Humberside. Walter MacGowan joined Group 4 two weeks ago and is involved in projects related to the privatisation of prisons and prisoner escort services. Group 4 has also offered a joh to Charles Erickson. 50. the number three in the remands contract unit at the Home Office but this approach has been referred to Sir Robin Butler, head of the civil service. to see if it breaches guidelines

NHS charges 'higher' The threat of an increase in prescription charges to about

£4 per item yesterday prompted Labour accusations that service. The Opposition claims came after the health secretary Virginia Bottomley had defended past increases and did not rule out another next spring above the rate of inflation. Before the election, charges were raised by 10.8 per cent to £3.75. An increase of 25p or 6.7 per cent, nearly double the present level of price increases, would push the figure to £4. In a newspaper interview, Mrs Bottomley accepted that "tough decisions" would have to be taken and defended the principle of increases. The health department said that no decision had been taken about next year's charges.

Science cash plea

The government and industry most provide more money to improve the public's understanding of science. Sir David Attenborough said yesterday as the British Association for the Advancement of Science prepared for its annual meeting next week. Science failed to capture the public imagination and inform the nation's culture as it once did. he said. The association, formed to promote the understanding and development of science, was facing a financial crisis with over half its income coming from shortterm grants and other unassured sources. The association was living "hand-to-mouth" while tackling a key subject.

Nail gun death verdict

A man died from extensive brain damage when he shot himself in the head with a nail gun, an inquest was told yesterday. Raymond Farrell, 23, of Southall, west London, used the gun while at a health centre in Hanwell after being told that he could get no help in obtaining a pair of trainers for his bad feet, the inquest at Hammersmith was told. Recording a verdict of death through misadventure Dr John Burton, the coroner, said it was amazing that "these lethal weapons" were not classified as firearms.

Legionnaire's check

An ambulance station is being checked for Legionnaire's disease after the death of an ambulanceman. Roger Moule, who was in his forties, died in Southampton General Hospital on Monday night after three weeks in intensive care. Three other staff at East Park Terrace ambulance tation. Southampton, reported sick. All have now returned to work after suffering breathing difficulties, a dry cough and a high temperature. The Department of Communicable Disease Control is conducting an enquiry.

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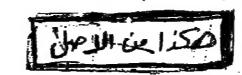
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Lord Chancellor asks public to look beyond the judiciary's robes

HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, will tomorrow invite the public, law abiding and law breaking, to join the seemingly endless argument over the courtroom dress of the legal profession when he publishes a consultation paper on the vexed topic of whether judges and barristers should shed wigs. robes and gowns.

The paper will provide full details of the colourful costurnes worn by the British judiciacy, including who wears knee breeches, buckle shoes, stockings and a lace jabot under a violet robe with lace facing: who wears a black robe with lilac facing and a red band over the shoulder, and when scarlet

A BRITON being held in Baghdad vanished in Kuwait

during a visit to business con-

tacts, his employer said yest-erday. Paul Ride, 33, a cater-

ing manager, had not been

heard of since June 28 until

the Red Cross found him in a

Speaking from Kuwait. John Gibbs, head of Taylor

International Catering, said:

"We have a contract in the city of al Jahrah, 40 kilo-

metres west of Kuwait City, and I think Paul was going to

see a chef when he vanished.

He turned up for his first

appointment, but failed to

make the second one. Kuwait

is as safe a place as any you

can find in the world. This is a

freak happening. There are

several thousand British and

Americans working in Ku-

wait and I should think they

NEARLY two years after

their triumphant return

home, Saddam Hussein's

'human shield" hostages are

still coming to terms with

Many are still unemployed,

those lucky enough to have

found jobs in Britain have

had to take big pay cuts, and the trauma of their captivity

Some of the hostages com-

plained yesterday that the

government had ignored

their plight. The only interest

shown by officials was to de-brief them on their return

home to glean any war secrets they might have picked up, they said.

Patrick Herbert, who was

picked up by the Iraqis a month after the invasion of

Kuwait, said that the former

hostages wanted understand-

The Foreign Office are the most uncaring people. They pushed the United Nations to

make Saddam pay compen-sation from his oil revenues

but they have refused us loans

to tide us over until he pays

up. Some of the former hos-tages are destinute and if the

government can lob a few

million to help the Kurds why

can't they spare a few pounds

to help their own people?"

Mr Herbert, who was a vice-president with the Gulf Investment Corporation in

Kuwait, said that the govern-ment did not believe that the

They feel that because we

"But having a gun held to

were held for five months the

experience has had no effect

you and the trigger pulled has a traumatic effect. I try not to

be bitter but it definitely

After his wife flew out to

Baghdad, Mr Herbert was

released in November 1990,

a month earlier than the oth-

creeps in," he said.

hostages had suffered.

ing, not charity.

their ordeal.

still haunts them.

Baghdad jail last week.

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Britain and the Irish Republic are the only EC countries where wigs remain de rigeur in higher courts for both judges and counsel.
The legal profession has

been wearing wigs for hundreds of years and earlier efforts to dispense with wig and gown have not always been welcomed. Shortly after Irish independence in 1921, wigs were abandoned in part of the country but were restored six months later after court decisions were called into question.

Wearing wigs was the ac-ceptable social convention 200 years ago but by the end of the in 18th century, gentle-men were abandoning them. In 1832, William 1V permitted bishops to stop wearing them. Even in the 19th centu-



ry, the attire of the English judiciary was capable of producing surprise to the European visitor. Alexander Hertzen, visiting a court in 1843, commented on "the comicality of the medieval" scene and the vision of judges wearing a fur coat and

something like a woman's dressing gown."

Today the impetus for change is being driven by many judges and barristers, who would like to ahandon having to sport half a pound of horsehair. Aroong those in favour of change is the Lord

Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, who faces the task, among many, of making the legal profession more "user

He said: "We could disarm a good deal of public misunderstanding of the legal profession if we stopped wearing touch but I have made no secret of the fact that I believe we should probably shed wigs

Others point to the House of Lords, where the Law Lords, siting in the highest court in the land, manage to dispense justice in dark lounge suits. Wigs are not worn in the matrimonial courts and no robes are worn in magistrates' courts or at hearings before judges in chambers, masters and regis-

Most EC countries manage to deliver justice without the sartorial splendour of British and Irish courts. None have judges or barristers wearing wigs though in many jurisdic-tions judges and barristers wear dark gowns.

such as Canada, India and the West Indies, which inherited English law, now manage without wigs, though others retain the trappings of the former mother country. In New Zealand, appeal court judges and barristers wear robes and wigs but in

lower courts, shorts and short-sleeved shirts are not ипсоттоп. Advocates of retaining the status quo say that maintaining traditional court dress enhances the dignity of the occassion and encourages recharged with administering justice. Lord Ackner, a Lord

of Appeal, told the House of

Lords that it was important

that judges wore wigs for ano-nymity and security. Some judges in Australia had aban-

AN OIL company executive

who resigned after a multi-

million pound takeover is

thought to have battered his

wife to death before drown-

Officers believed that

David Elton, 48, killed his

wife, Jane, 44, a former bar-

rister, and they were not seek-

ing anyone else in connection

with the two deaths. Friends

alerted by the couple's son

aged seven said that Mr

Elton had been devastated

when his wife asked for a

Mr Elton resigned from his

ob with Ultramar in January

after completion of a hostile

El.1 billion takeover by

Lasmo North Sea, a rival oil

firm. John Hogan, Lasmo's

managing director, said. He was one of seven

Ultramar directors who

shared an £8.1 million pack-

age agreed with Lasmo in

one of the biggest post-take-

over payments in British cor-

Mrs Elton's body was

found by neighbours on

Monday at the couple's coun-

try home in Sea Lane, Mid-

dieton-on-Sea, West Sussex, after a call from their son

Charles. He and his sister

house. A few hours later Mr

Elion's body was recovered at Climping beach. Post-mortem examinations showed that Mrs Elton's

death had been caused by

head injuries, and that her

Dr Charles Wright, a gy-naecologist, said that Mrs

husband had drowned.

divorce a month ago.

yesterday.

Millionaire killed

wife then himself,

police believe

gants, he added.

A recent survey of defendants carried out at Oxford Crown Court found that 84 per cent of defendants felt more confident" where their barrister was dressed a gown and wig and 77 per cent when the judge was so

If the wider public agrees, it will be welcome news for the family business that makes wigs for jurisdictions worldwide. Ede & Ravenscroft, the firm that dominates the wig world, makes an estimated 900 wigs a year at a cost of about £350 each. Three hundred are exported to Commonwealth countries.

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Elton had asked her husband

for a trial separation, but had

given him no reason. "Jane

wouldn't tell anyone why she

wanted the divorce, and it

all. We know that David had

no idea, and despite our at-

tempts to get them to talk they

happened I went to the house,

and her body was lying on the

kitchen floor. There appeared

to have been a fracas. We just

got the children out as quickly

Bainbridge, a tourism consul-

tant, described Mr Elton as

"a gentle giant, kind and generous. When Jane told us

that she had asked David for

The couple's main home

was a flat in Regent's Park,

London. Harry Cemach, a

retired publisher, and his

wife, Ruth, who live next

door, described the Eltons as

"a very civilised couple".

a divorce, it was a shock."

Another neighbour, Peter

"When I heard what had

refused to discuss it.

as possible."

Briton held in Iraq vanished on Kuwait work visit, firm says

By NICHOLAS WATT



Ride: mystery over why he vanished in Kuwait

had no reason to go near the Iraqi border. "He would have had no business reason to be there. He would not have gone there himself," he said.

after reports surfaced in Jordan that a Briton was being held in Iraq. He was visited over the weekend by a repre-

The Foreign Office said last night that it was concerned Ride had been imprisoned.

Last night, a Foreign Office spokesman said: "We have

his colleagues combed the streets to try to find his car, a Toyota Landeruiser. The Kuwaiti air force flew over the area in a helicopter and police examined hospital records in

She said: "When he first disappeared, I thought Where is Jeremy Beadle'. Paul likes a joke and I thought the whole thing was just a joke. But when I realised it was for real, I was

really worried.

A report by his personal physician, Dr Jeffrey Easton, found that as many as a quarter of the hostages were

Hostages of the Middle East, whose wife was caught in Kuwait, said yesterday: "The hostages's psychological problems have been compounded by financial

in the construction industry, have had to take jobs well below their training and experience.

fied than the people inter-viewing them. It is particularly bad luck that

Trauma still haunts

By NICHOLAS WATT

human shield victims

er hostages. He had been in Kuwait for ten years and is now working for a financial services company at a much smaller salary than he earnt in the Gulf, he

Coming to terms with Britain after a ten-year absence was one of the most difficult challenges, Mr Herbert add-ed. "Britain has changed so much over the last decade, and adjusting has been one of the most difficult things. When I left the trade unions were all-powerful and now the state shareholder is the all-conquering power."

Saddam took 800 British citizens hostage and nearly 1,500 went into hiding. Of these one was murdered, many witnessed mock executions, and two have committed suicide since returning.

Many have faced pyschiatric problems and last year the government provided extra funding for the treatment of about 50 former hostages after the intervention of Sir Edward Heath.

still in need of care. Andy Charles, thairman of

difficulties. "Many, particularly those

Some have found that when they apply for jobs in Britain they are better qualithey had to return during a

sentative of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

for Mr Ride's safety. Officials yesterday asked Ibrahim Zuhair, Iraq's charge d'affaires in London, to explain why Mr

heard rumours that Mr Ride will be put on trial in the next few days, but we still don't know why he was arrested. He could have mistakenly entered Iraq, but it is pure guesswork at the moment." After Mr Ride disappeared

an attempt to find him.

Mr Ride was carrying only a small amount of money when he disappeared. His personal belongings were found untouched in his flat near Kuwait City.

Mr Ride's wife, Julie, said yesterday that she would not give up hope for her husband. Speaking from their home in Walthamstow, east London, she said: "He could be imprisoned for days, but it could be weeks, it could be months and it could be years."

When she heard that her husband had disappeared Mrs Ride flew to Kuwait. thinking that he was playing

a trick.

"I last saw him at Easter, when he came home. We've been married five years. I was told by his company that he had disappeared the Wednes-day after it happened. I have no idea how he got into Iraq. It is a complete mystery."

During her search in Ku-wait, Mrs Ride felt sure that her husband was alive, even though she feared that he had been kidnapped by criminals wanting to steal his expensive car. "I presume the thought of William, our 18-month-old son, the child Paul always wanted, is helping to keep him going," she said.

Mr Ride had almost completed his contract with Taylor International Catering and was looking forward to returning home to his wife and his son. He is originally from Chelsea, west London. and trained as a chef at Westminster College, central London. He has worked in Algeria and Saudi Arabia and had been in Kuwait for

Mrs Ride praised the efforts of the Foreign Office in trying to find her husband. "Everyone has done as much as possible," she said.



Lack of casualty beds 'is risking lives'

By ALISON ROBERTS

representative for Nalgo, the local government officers'

union, said the situation was

"horrendous". Care was in-

adequate when emergency

patients were being ferried

several miles across London

The closure of 9 north

which was responsible for the

bed shortage last week, was

managed in a callous way.

"They gave us a week's notice and we had nurses crying

because they did not actually

know what was going on.

They are now applying for vacancies within the River-

side authority, but staff are

very apprehensive about oth-

er jobs because of the Tomlinson enquiry." The North West Thames

Regional Health Authority

recommended closing the

Charing Crosss accident and

emergency ward, which has

600 beds, in its enquiry sub-

mission. It says the Westmin-ster and Chelsea Hospital.

which takes its first patients

next year, will cover the area's

accident and emergency

tinue to do so." There would

to another hospital.

LIVES are at risk at a London hospital's accident and emergency department because bed shortages force staff to send patients to other hospitals, nurses say. "Treat and transfer", a sys-

tem in which patients are admitted and almost immediately moved on, was in operation at the Charing Cross Hospital, in west London, twice last week, coinciding with the closure of ward 9 north, which specialised in treating diabetics. Nurses say the system is used whenever the hospital is full. Jeanette Anderson, representing the hospital's members of Cohse, the health service union, said this happened up to two or

three times a week.
Mike Mitchell, senior registrar at the accident and emergency ward, denied lives were at risk. But he said the system was unsatisfactory and operated throughout London. "There are also times when patients go into casualty and all the trolleys are occupied by people waiting to go into the wards."

The situation was likely to worsen after the Tomlinson enquiry report, due in the autumn, and the resulting shake-up of London hospitals. "Some are going to close which will put pressure on others. John Smith, the hospital's

needs. The hospital will replace four older hospitals. The authority said: "We recognise that it has been a particularly difficult time for staff. We have been negotiaring with unions and staff for many months and will con-

be redundancies.

Head says she was sacked

By JOHN O'LEARY

THE head teacher of a leading independent school has left her post unexpectedly, claiming to have been sacked after disagreements

with governors. Helen Gichard, the head of Haberdashers' Monmouth School for Girls, opposed plans to integrate some sixth-form classes with boys at the neighbouring Monmouth School. Both schools are part of the Haberdashers' Foundation. and share the same chairman of governors.

A letter to parents said that joint teaching arrange-ments had been discussed by the governors and Miss Gichard over a long period. "Although there are areas of agreement between them, there remain important differences of view. As a result, it has been agreed that it is in the best interest of both the school and of Miss Gichard if she relinquish her appointment.

Brian Jenks, the vicechairman of the governors, said yesterday that both sides had agreed to make no further statement, but Miss Gichard told the Western Mail: "I was not asked to resign or given a chance to tender my resignation."

High Court to rule on party deaths

By BILL FROST

THE families of four of the five people killed in a fire at a flat in Hove, East Sussex. were yesterday given the go-ahead to challenge a coro-ner's conduct of the hearing into their deaths in the High

As the inquest jury in Brighton retired to consider its verdict, which was later announced as unlawful kill-ing, Mr Justice Latham at the High Court in London granted the families leave to seek an order quashing the ver-dict. The hearing is likely to take place within the next few months.

Five people died at the party in April after a sofa was deliberately set alight. The inquest was told that the building had no fire escape. The five who died were: Andrew Manners, 29, of Cheltenham. Gloucestershire; Mabel Smith Roberts, 46, of Colwyn Bay, Clwyd; Timothy Sharpe, 28, of Hove; Paul Jones, 33 and Adrian Johns, both of Brighton.

A separate inquest was told earlier that Trevor Carrington, 38, of Brighton, had told his brother that he started the fire as a prank. Mr Carrington later died after walking into the path of a

The families involved in yesterday's hearing walked out of the inquest earlier this

week in protest at the refusal of the East Sussex coroner to call property millionaire, Nicholas Van Hoogstraten, as an additional witness to give evidence on the ownership of the flat. At yesterday's

Elton: his wife had

asked for separation

private High Court hearing Mr Justice Latham ruled that they had an arguable case for judicial review of the inquest on the basis that Dr Donald Gooding, the coroner, had acted "unreasonably and unlawfully" in refusing to call Geoffrey Sharpe, 52, whose

son Timothy died in the fire, said: "I hope this does some-thing for all those millions who are living in bedsits."

At the inquest on Monday Mr Colm Davis-Lyons, representing the families, had told the coroner that there was evidence identifying Mr Van Hoogstraten as the probable leaseholder of the three-storey building. Dr Gooding said he could find "no firm evidence" of ownership.

After the verdict yesterday the jury called for changes in the law to crackdown on absentee landlords who fail to provide adequate protection for tenants against fire.

In his summing up the coroner said: "There can be no doubt that if a fire escape had been present fewer people might, and I stress







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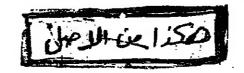
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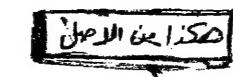
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Walkers say pussyfooting councils allow landowners to flout law over public rights of way

Ramblers accuse local authorities of negligence

A LIST accusing local auth-orities of failing to protect public rights of way from deliberate obstructions by landowners was published by the Ramblers' Association

yesterday.

The list identifies county councils and other public bodies accused by the association of failing in their duty in assert public rights of way, and accuses farmers and other landauman of deliberately er landowners of deliberately ploughing, planting over and illegally obstructing footpaths with walls and fences. It gives examples of ramblers alleg-edly being intimidated by farmers or dogs into leaving frontnaths footpaths.

The publication of the list is part of an autumn campaign by the 89,000-strong association, which is becoming more militant in its determination to keep 140,000 miles of footpaths in England and Wales open. The cam-paign will culminate in a For-bidden Britain Day on September 27, when thou-sands of rambiers will walk on dozens of obstructed paths to "reclaim" them.

The association's national officials said yesterday that there was growing evidence that local authorines were neglecting their responsibilities under the Rights of Way Act. 1990, which was designed to improve public access to the countryside. David Beskine, co-ordinator of Forbidden Britain Day, said at a press conference in Ladbroke, Warwickshire, that while landowners' hodies praised the national path network, thousands of farmers and landowners were obstructing paths and many negligent local authorities were allow-ing them to get away with it. "We will not allow the lawbreakers, the negligent local authorities or anybody else to country walk," be said. "This

sured by local people throughout Britain."

Bob Coles, an association official from Northamptonshire, said that ramblers had been wrong to think the Rights of Way Act would be their salvation because it had laid down clear duties on landowners. Local authority rights of way officers were short of staff and complaints

snort of start and complaints took an age to resolve.
Criticising the "softly, softly, pussyfooting" approach of councils, he said that ramblets were made to feel guilty if they asked a farmer to clear crops from a footbath. "The new law will only be followed by the farming community if local authorities are willing to enforce it. In the meanting the farmers are indulging in

brinkmanship."
The press conference was told that nearly 500 of 2,200 complaints about footpaths in Leicestersture in the past year related to routes that had been blocked by crop plantbeen blocked by crop plan-ing, ploughing or other ob-structions such as berbed wire, chained gates or ma-num heaps. A Countryside Commission survey in 1988 found that 22,000 miles of rights of way in England and Wales were unusable because of obstructions and 26,000

miles were classed as poor.

The association said that, due to neglect by the county council, an area at Whitford. Clwyd, had more than 100 footpath problems. Many dif-ficulties remained in Cumbria, where a farmer in the Penrith and the Border con-stituency of David Maclean, the countryside minister, was alleged to have persistently

caused trouble for ramblers.

The Ramblers' Association campaign will also tackle other issues. It will protest at quarrying plans that it says will devastate a popular wood near. Newark. Notinghamshire; at the transport depart-



Opening time: from left, Alan Mattingly, John Hall, Steven Waldsgrove and Harry Green walking an old county road near Ladbroke, Warwickshire, reopened by the farmer after ramblers' complaints

trunk_roads for walkers; and at threats to curb walking in wild areas of countryside.

In Warwickshire, the association is fighting to reopen rights of way that it says exist now unused and have been ploughed over and planted by farmers. One such route highlighted by the associ-ation is near Labroke. After yesterday's press conference, local ramblers found that the landowner had opened up access to the route. A dispute continues over whether it is private land or a public

footpath.

Roger Campion, of the
Warwick branch of the National Farmers' Union, who attended yesterday's press ment's refusal to build who obstructed paths were a after a public enquiry in July.
bridges or underpasses across small minority. "Now if you want to follow

Hikers need hard hats to steer path through building site

the Oxfordshire Way, you walk through the clubbonse and are given a hard hat to go through the basement, up a

flight on stone stairs, on to

the ground floor and out again," Mrs Bird, a member

RAMBLERS in Oxfordshire will have to wear hard hats when they follow the route of a long-distance footpath through a new golf clubhouse being built on top of it (Craig

Jo Bird, a county official of the Ramblers' Association, said yesterday that a Japanese development company was creating a new golf course at Lobbersdown, near Traver. It had stretch to Thame. It had started to build its clubhouse on top of the Oxfordshire Way long-distance path before a diver-

of the association's executive committee, said. She added that the path gave magnifi-cent, panoramic views of the surrounding countryside, in-cluding the Chilterns. She described the action as monstrous and said that an injunction should have been sought to protect the route. "We do not want the Oxfordpark. This is a £20 million development. There is one law for the rich and one for the poor."

Local ramblers are to pro-

test about the obstruction on Forbidden Britisin Day on September 27, when they will walk along the route. Other areas highlighted

for obstructions on footpaths are Buckinghamshire, Devon and Kent. The Blackdown hills in Devon, a designated area of outstanding natural beauty, are criss-crossed by illegally obstructed paths. shire Way pushed away be-hind the clubhouse and car asked to tackle the problem. 12. Warwickshire: county existence of these rights.



1, Lothian: Forestry Commission plans to sell land and fell woodland by ancient hill fort, limiting public access.

2. Cumbria: farmers blocking paths with walls; collapsed bridge not replaced; public access land claimed as "pri-vate"; walkers intimidated. 3. Lancashire: footpaths neglected, overgrown and ploughed out; disputed status

of open moorland walks in the Forest of Bowland. 4. North Yorkshire: more rights of way needed in Yorkshire Dales National Park.

5, Humberside: county council failure to act over ploughed out highways.

6, Gwynedd: quarry road at Yr Eifl under dispute. 7. Chwyd: county council res-

ponsible for over 100 obstructed and disputed paths, including Berwyn hills. 8. Cheshire: paths unwalkable, with obstructions, unof-

ficial diversions, intimidating dogs, and a lack of signposts. 9. Derbyshire: paths cross busy roads with no bridges or underpasses; no rights to walk on open moorland in Peak National Park.

10, Nottinghamshire: Forestry Commission plans to sell Stapleford Woods to quarrying company, closing existing

11. Leicestershire ramblers want reopening of footpath crossing Great Central Railcouncil failure to clear ploughed up highway. 13. Northamptonshire: longstanding path obstructions. 14. Suffolk: county council

rights of way. 15, Mid Glamorgan: no definitive maps of most areas. 16. Gloucestershire: unlaw-

refusal to recognise and map

fully blocked paths. 17, Oxfordshire: golf course being built on Oxfordshire Way path, blocking panoramic view of countryside. 18. Buckinghamshire: path

obstructions. 19, Hertfordshire: county council failure to fulfil duty to provide definitive maps of public rights of way.

20, Essex: ancient path obstructed by extended private garden; many paths cross busy roads. 21. Berkshire: ramblers want

Greenham Common air base, now closed, returned to the public. 22, Cornwall: farmers are un-

lawfully blocking paths. 23, Devon: many paths on the Blackdown Hills are unlawfully obstructed.

24, Somerset: obstructed footpaths, including one in Ex-moor National Park, 25, Hampshire: obstructed

footpaths.

26, Kent: county council failure to claim ancient rights of way through large areas of Wells. New landowners deny

NEWS IN BRIEF!

BT man took 1,158 sick days

A BT engineer lost his job after taking 1,158 sick days over 16 years, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday. In 1987, Michael Stoneham, 43. of Leytonstone, east London, took 334 days off

John Cook, BTs head of division, told the tribunal in Chelsea, southwest London that Mr Stoneham had damaged his back in a work accident in 1975 and had been transferred to office duties. Mr Stoneham complained of continued pains in his back, gastric trouble and

Mr Cook said that he was offered early retirement in June last year and agreed to £95 a week. Mr Stoneham claims that he was unfairly

Death arrest A fourth man has been

arrested by police hunting the killer of Helen Gorrie, 15, of Horndean, Hampshire, on August 1. The previous three were released without charge.

Air strike

British Airways cabin crew in Manchester have rejected their company's final pay offer and have threatened further strikes. Their union has said that the dispute could spread to other airports if disciplinary action is taken against the crew.

Visual and

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An RAF rescue helicopterwas scrambled and a mountain rescue team called out after Kenneth Winstanley, of Hythe Kent, lost his glasses while descending Glyder Fach, Snowdonia. He had been led to safety by another climber before the rescuers

Pot returned

A 31t teapot has been returned a week after being stolen from outside a tea shop in Redmile, Nottinghamshire. The thieves dumped it in the shop's garden before

Evicted family exchanges mansion for council B&B

BY BILL FROST

A BUSINESSMAN and his family were evicted from their £350,000 home yesterday and rehoused by the local authority in a council bedand breakfast hostel.

Stephen Ensor, 46, his wife and three children looked on as bailiffs changed the locks on their eight-bedroom mansion at Bembridge, Isle of Wight. The family then drove away with their furniture in a hired van.

Later, the Ensors moved into a one-room council bedsit at a hostel used by 11 other dispossessed families. They must now share washing and cooking facilities.

Portland House, their old home set in half an acre of grounds, had two baths and a large fitted kitchen.

Two years ago Mr Ensor remortgaged his home, then valued at almost £400,000, with the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society, for £260,000. He owes £50,000 in arrears.

Mr Ensor asked for leave to appeal against the repossession order but the society was granted powers of eviction. He said yesterday that he had repaid between £40,000 and £50,000. He felt that the society had not given him a proper chance to clinch a sale and

Debts push down property prices

By RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE housing market re-mained depressed during the second quarter of the year because of gloom about the

Confidence continued to be

undermined because many

people owe more than their unemployment, says the latest survey of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. From the end of July, homeowners rushed to beat today's stamp duty deadline, but there was no permanent improvement. Peter Miller, housing market spokesman for the institution, said: "The stamp duty deadline has pushed already agreed sales to a speedy exchange and completion, especially in the

South-East and areas such as Ponsmouth, Bath, Saffron Walden, Northampton, Cambridge and Newbury."
Unemployment reached 2.75 million in July and is expected to rise to more than three million. The Bank of England said this week that one million, or one in ten homeowners, were caught in the debt trap, which was a significant obstacle to a con-

sumer-led economic recovery.

are preventing property own-ers from trading up to pro-vide much-needed movement." The picture was better

in isolated areas. In Grimsby, for example, RAF houses had been offered at realistic prices after the home is worth and lears of closures of RAF North Coares in Lincolnshire. In Telford, Shropshire, builders had influenced sales by offering good discounts on new property, though this was sup-pressing the second-hand market. The market in the South-East was quiet, he said.

The latest house price index from the Halifax building society, the country's biggest, shows that prices fell 0.2 per cent in July, down 5.2 per cent on the year. Prices rose 0.2 per cent in June. An upuum in the market

remained elusive, the institution said. It called for schemes intended to attract buyers at the base of the market. "Any scheme must be directed at the buyers of lower-priced properties, where assistance will be most beneficial." Such a scheme should be simple, achievable and realistic in fiscal terms, Mr Miller said. The institu-Mr Miller said: "Across the tion has long called for a rise country, business failures and in the tax relief threshold a general lack of confidence from £30,000 to £60,000.

repay it in full. A spokeswom-an for the Cheltenham and Gloucester would not discuss the case in detail. She said that several unsuccessful attempts to negotiate with Mr Ensor had been made.

Mr Ensor said yesterday: "If I knew that they were intent on possession I would not have wasted my money on making repayments. They will sell the house for about half what it is worth and I will be left owing the rest."

He added that he would

have been able to keep up the payments if the society had not increased them by more than £500 a month. "The building society are doing to us what they have done to many other people. They are stupidly unbusinesslike and do not communicate.

"It is going to be a drastic change in our lifestyle. This would not have happened if there was not a property slump brought on by these His wife Felga said: "This is

pretty hard on the children, but I suppose it is characterbuilding. I do not know how long we will be in council Chris Binnie, chief health

and housing officer with South Wight Borough Council, said: "Virtually everybody in these circumstances feels a little bit dejected. "It has been traumatic on

the family to lose their home and go into temporary accommodation. We have not had to deal with many families evicted from properties of The Ensors contacted us

last Friday, a little bit later than most in their position normally do. They did not ask for preferential treatment and will be treated just like any other homeless family. We will investigate their case and then, pending the outcome of the enquiries, they will be offered a tenancy by a housing association.".

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Llamas offer new hope to ailing woollen industry

Llamas from South America yielding superfine wool are well-suited to living in Britain, Michael Hornsby reports

HOME-REARED llamas and cashmere goats could revive Britain's ailing wool industry and provide hard-pressed sheep and cattle farmers with a new source of income, agricultural experts

Wool accounts for no more than five per cent of income on the average British sheep farm nowadays, barely covering the cost of shearing. In the hills, sheep farming is viable in many areas only with subsi-dies amounting to nearly £30 For the past three years, 100

guanacos, cinnamon-hued cousins of the llama, have been learning to adapt to British conditions at the Instinute for Grassland and Environmental Research at Aberystwyth, Dyfed. Guanacos are regarded as wild animals in their South American homeland and domesticating them has never been

Gwyn Moseley, the head of the project, said: "We chose guanacos because they produce extremely fine, high quality fibre. They are hardy animals, used to life in harsh conditions, and have turned out to be quite easy to handle. They will graze alongside sheep and cattle and happily eat weeds, thistles, brambles. rushes and other forage that most livestock will not touch." Wool fineness is measured

thousandth of a millimetre. The value of a fleece increases ter of individual hairs drops sheep's wool measures around

Dr Moseley says his best-performing guanacos produce fleece with a mean diameter of 14.5 microns, better than the shear once a year and expect to get about one kilogram of wool, which we think will self for as much as ESO. At the moment a sheep's fleece is fetching no more than £1 to

be tested this autumn when David Emanuel, the fashion countrier who designed the Princess of Wales's wedding dress, launches a garment made from a bolt of silky honey-coloured cloth woven from Dr Moseley's animals. The Welsh Development Agency is also studying the feasibility of setting up a specialist mill in Wales to process wool from guanaco, alpacas and other members of the camelid family

Wendy Hendy, project manager of the agency's "garment initiative", who brokered the marriage between Dr Moseley and David Emanuel, said: "I think high-profile couture designers and upmarket textile retailers are going to want this exciting new labric for their clients."



Wild and woolly. Dr Gwyn Moseley with his herd of guanaco in the Welsh hills. Their fleece is better than the finest Chinese cashmere

The main restraint is small volume. The British Camelid Association, founded six years ago, has about 180 members, owning no more than 1,500 animals between them — 200 guanacos, 300 alpacas and 1,000 llamas. The animals cost about £1,000 each to import, with Chile the main source because of disease in

Peru and Argentina. Researchers in Scotland. which has terrain well suited to guanacos and alpacas and a long-established spinning and weaving industry, are seeking to multiply the best-performtransfer. One plan is to use the surrogate mothers for

Angus Russel, of the Ma-caulay Land Use Research Institute in Aberdeen, sees cashmere goats as a more immediately attractive option for farmers. Britain imports and processes some 2,000 tonnes of cashmere a year, about 40 per cent of world production, but produces no more than one tonne from the estimated 6,000 goats being

reared here.

Dr Russel thinks this will change. "If you take away the subsidy they are getting, most sheep farmers in hill areas would be making a loss. Cashmere goats are viable without subsidy and well-suited to British conditions. There is also an exhibited market." is also an established market for the product," he said. A cashmere fleece, he says, can fetch £25 to £30.

All goats produce cashimere, the fine undercoat grown close

to the skin, but the fineness and amount varies greatly. In co-operation with 18 local farmers, Dr Russel is creating an elite herd by cross-breeding goats from around the globe, including Siberia, Iceland and New Zealand, in search of the

quality.
Chinese goais produce around 200 grams per animal, a yield that would probably need to be doubled here to

convents to have their child-

ren: Mr Evers said: "Often, when their families would not

have them back, they were sent to work in the Magdalen

convent nuns with extreme

The performance has al-

ready been seen in Ireland

and received press coverage.

Parish priests have referred to

it in their sermons. An extra

irony is that one of the leading

actors had to withdraw from

the cast when she became

best mix of wool yield and

collecting it from bushes after method that would hardly be leself for

would then separate the down goats would have to be short in late winter, before moulting starts, and would need housing for a period afterwards, increasing costs. One solution being looked at it is a hormone moulting until the weather

Yard officer presses banks to curb credit card fraud

A SENIOR Scotland Yard officer yesterday appealed for the introduction of "safe" credit cards after a report which says that more sophisticated plastic crime is costing the country at least £165m a year. According to the report, by

Readers' Digest, based on a poll of 2,049 people conducted by Mori, many thefts help to finance a criminal network that is linked with drugs and pornography.

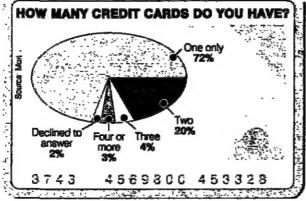
Det Chief Inspector Alan

Brown of the Yard's central cheque squad said the public, banks, shops and other financial institutions could do much more to combat the crime which, he estimated, cost closer to £400m. In particular, he asked the

banks and finance houses to follow the lead of the Royal Bank of Scotland, which he said had issued 8,000 cards bearing the holder's photograph and laser-eiched signature. He called for more secure methods of delivering credit cards through the mail and warned people never to divulge details of their cards to

Mr Brown said the menace of "tele-marketing" fraud was spreading from the United States. It involved criminals advertising for goods to be bought by credit cards so that they could then use the numbers on fraudulent cards they

Nearly two out of three cardholders surveyed thought the banks and other card issuers could do more to combat fraud and 69 per cent



said shop assistants should check purchasers' identities more thoroughly. About two million cards are lost or stolen each year, nearly 5,500 a day. and in many cases the thief is helped because the holder has written down the personal identification number (Pin).

Mori shows that, in spite of the fact that no fraud had been involved in the cards bearing a photograph, 58 per cent of cardholders said they would not pay extra for a photo-card or a thief-proof smart card. Just over a quarter said they would pay £2 or more a year for the extra security. Russell Twisk, editor in

chief of Readers' Digest, said stolen cheque books backed by guarantee cards sold for £3 to £10 a cheque. Credit cards and debit cards such as Switch fetched up to £150 and charge cards such as American Express, which have no credit limits, could sell for £200. They were often sold to "clearing houses" and then resold at

In one recent court case, a

high-living Surrey man made £200,000 a year in two years cashing cheques, backed by stolen cards, for £100 a time. In another case, two women passed cheques for more than

cheque books. Another gang stole cards from locker rooms at a golf club, used them and then returned them before the players had finished their Burglary accounted for most of the card theft, at 28 per cent. Pickpockets accounted for 22 per cent, mugging 4

£25,000 from 40 stolen

per cent and thefts from cars, 4 per cent. Nearly a quarter of missing cards were accidentally left or lost. Nine out of ten said they had never had their cards stolen. The most "at risk" group was those aged 15 Nearly three quarters of

cardholders surveyed had only one credit card. Three per cent had four or more and some had six.

Fourteen per cent of cardholders said they had more cards than they needed.

That figure rose to 36 per cent among those with three or

Mr Twisk commissioned the survey after a caller came to the magazine's offices in Curzon Street, London, at functime saying that he had been sent to mend the photocopying machine. The caller was left to wander alone and and wallets.

Although the deputy editor who let him into the building got her bag back, cheques and cards were used for fraud valued at more than £1,000.

Mr Twisk said: "Innocent people are attacked for possessing plastic but both public and banks act as though it is someone else's problem." With 30 million people in Britain holding 83 million cards, all the signs were that plastic crime would continue to be a growth industry.

Later, a spokesman for the Royal Bank of Scotland said that 28,000 customers held laser-etched cards. A decision on whether to

offer them at all branches would not be made until the end of the year. A Barclays Bank spokesman said: "As we always advise customers, Pins must be de-

stroyed as soon as they are "To write them down and keep them with the card is leaving an open invitation to

The bank said its watch on patterns of card spending was picking up about 40 cases each week in which the holders were not aware that their cards were missing.

Disgraced bishop backs play about unwed mothers

THE former Bishop of Gal-ried teenage mothers from way, who resigned earlier this nural communities sent to year when he admitted fatherhood of a 17-year-old boy, is supporting a play at the Edin-burgh Fringe Festival about the Roman Catholic church's treatment of unmarried mothers.

Punchbag Theatre Com-pany of Galway, which is making its first appearance at the fringe, said that Bishop Earnon Casey is patron of the company and has donated £200 a year to it. He has also given dothing from his own wardrobe for use in the production. The play, Eclips the first by Patricia Burke Brogan, who was a novice mun. in the 1960s when she witnessed how nuns treated the young unmarried mothers who worked in convent laundries after being cast out by

their families. Sean Evers, the director of the play, said: "Bishop Casey is a good friend of mine. He knew the type of work I was interested in and was very supportive. It was unfortunate that he had to resign . . . I have not seen him since the scandal broke and I don't believe he has seen the play."

The affair that forced the

bishop to resign involved him using church funds to support his illegitimate son and the boy's mother. The bishop's disgrace occurred at a time when a teenage girl who had been refused an abortion threatened to commit suicide. The play deals with unmar-

Eclipsed is playing at the Richard Demarco Studio Theatre in Edinburgh until Au-There should be a block-

strictness."

pregnant.

buster event on the scale of Pavarotti in the Park at the core of the Edinburgh Festival, according to William Burdett-Coutts, artistic director of the Assembly Rooms, the fringe festival's principal

"That the new festival director, Brian McMaster, wants to work more closely with the fringe is good, it's something we have needed for years, but the whole thing needs more

focus," he said. The fringe itself needed changes. Producers had too tight a grip on the shows, and venue rents and ticket prices were too high. Mr Burdett-Courts said.

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Bolting pony killed toddler

A children's game led to a twoyear-old being dragged to her death by a bolting pony, an iguest was told yesterday

Elizabeth Hirons, of Hull died after other children, wanting to "give the baby a ride", hitched her pushchair to animal panicked, a Hull inquest was told. Elizabeth suffered a fractured skull and multiple injuries and choked

Elizabeth's grandmother, Shirley Andrews, from Hull, said that she had taken her and two other children to a farm at Wawne near Hull, on February 8. Mrs Andrews had tethered the 24-year-old gelding while deaning the stable.

but a child had untied it. Peter Gladwin, the Humberside coroner, ordered that none of the children be named. Recording a verdict of misadventure, he said: "Children of tender years cannot be expected to understand the consequences of their actions."

Radio sale

A radio collection of 170 lots of pre-war sets, speakers and accessories made a surprise £11,500 at auction in Scarborough, North Yorkshire. The top lot from the collection, formed by Les Hare, a radio ham who died aged 79, was a Tingey six-unit receiver from the 1920s. It fetched £1,800.

Calves die

Three hundred calves were burnt alive in a farm fire at Bignall End, Staffordshire. Firemen saved 350 cattle from the blaze, which did damage set at £250,000. The farmer, Roy Watts, said that his cows had been too frightened to flee their burning sheds.

Opt-out vote

A village school due to shut because it has only 35 pupils has voted to leave council control. If the government allows, the school, at Llanerfyl, Powys, would, it is believed, be the smallest in Britain to opt out. Parents voted three-to-one for

Begging patrol Plain-clothed police are patrolling Salisbury. Wiltshire, to stop beggars accosting

Train fall

Olive Smith, a pensioner, of Wednesbury, West Midlands, suffered only a head cut when she feli on to the track and was run over by a train at New Street Station, Birmingham.

Seats vanish

Thieves took 15 garden seats in two nights in the village of Denby, Derbyshire.

Judge halts schoolboy murder trial

THE trial of a 16-year-old Vietnamese youth accused of murdering a schoolboy was halted yesterday after the judge ruled that identification evidence presented by the prosecution was inadmissible.

Judge Verney, QC, the Recorder of London, ordered the Old Bailey jury to find the youth not guilty of murder. The teenager, from Woolwich, southeast London, de-nied stabbing Arif Roberts, 15. outside his school in Tottenham, north London.

Linda Stern, QC, for the prosecution, said that the stabbing happened after months of racial disputes between black and Vietnamese pupils at Gladesmore school. A playground fight had broken out in a game of football. A gang of Vietnamese youths armed with knives arrived at the school the next day and Arif. who had played no part in the fight, was stabbed in the neck, she told the court.

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can your

savings

go?



Church minister gets kicks from putting on the Ritz

PREBENDARY Norman McCurry has found himself ministering to a most unusual

The spiritual director of St James's Piccadilly has been appointed chaplain to the taff of the Ritz, the exclusive London hotel. The tradition was set about

100 years ago by the Savoy, its rival. Since its foundation, the Savoy has had an informal link with the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy. its neighbour. The idea of a hotel ministry

has long attracted Preben-dary McCurry, whose past ministries have ranged from the immates of Armley prison. Leeds, to the city's theatres, and the parish of Stepney in the East End of London. Prebendary McCurry was delighted when the manage-ment of the Ritz invited him

to minister to the botel's 300

staff after seven years at St

to the chaplain happy to share the cares and woes of the 300 staff of his new parish in a West End hotel James's. He has spent several

Louise Hidalgo talks

weeks becoming acquainted with his new parishioners. "It is all part of the Anglican tradition and, in an area of London where there are mainly night-clubs and big hotels, it is for me the next

best thing to a parish.

"Instead of visiting hospi tals or schools, I visit the kitchens, the switchboard, the restaurants and the chief engineer on the hotel roof. I don't expect to get people to go to church but I do hope to gain their trust and their confidence so that they can

call on my experience if they have a problem they need to The Ritz says it has no plans to widen the ministry to

guests. Radha Arora, the hotel's house manager, said of the staff: They need the comfort and security of knowing there is someone, who stands apart from the management, in whom they can confide and who is always there to listen." Hotel chaplaincies are still rare but it is not unusual for

airports, football teams and some shopping centres, such as Brent Cross in north London or the stores of Oxford Street, to have resident Prebendary McCurry hopes that the concept spreads through the clubs and hotels of the West End.

But he says that at the moment he has enough work to do at the Ritz.

President predicts stirring comeback

Bush heartens party's dispirited soldiers

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN HOUSTON

THE Republican party finally girded for battle with the performance from President Bush on Monday night, an inspirational convention and inspirational conventions and inspirational c inspirational convention address by Ronald Reagan and the red meat rabble rousing of Mr Bush's old antagonist. Patrick Buchanan.

Making a highly unusual appearance at an eve-of-conrention Houston pep rally, Mr Bush warned America to prepare for "the most stirring bolitical comeback since Hary Truman gave 'em hell in 1948". If the Houston Astro-lome was the eighth wonder of the world, this would be the minth, said the incumbent who is trailing by 15 to 25 soints in the polls.



ermination so lacking to date ermination so lacking to date from his re-election efforts. Mr Bush claimed that Bill Clinson was already measuring curtains for the Oval Office. "Put those drapes on hold," he declared. "It is going to be curtain time for the [Democratic] ticket, and I mean it."

For nine months, he said, the Democrats had had a

First lady steels herself for battle

There is a hard edge to the sweet old lady many believe Barbara Bush to be, Anthony Howard writes from Houston

WHEN Barbara Bush rises to rddress the Republican con-ention on television primeime tonight, she will not intirely be creating a precedent. At least two of her predecessors as first lady have ione the same: Eleanor Rooevelt in 1940 and Nancy Reagan in 1984. But neither perhaps had quite as much

iding on their performance as Mrs Bush will have tonight. The theme of the first lady's address will be "family values" and to emphasise them she will be joined at the podium by ner five children (four sons and a daughter) and a dozen of her grandchildren. In all 71 members of the Bush family dan are reported to be attend-

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ng the convention. The decision to exploit the irst lady's own personality is understandable enough. Polls show her as being almost hree times more popular fhan her husband and twice as well regarded as her opposite num-per in the campaign, Hillary Linton, the wife of the Demo-

ratic challenger.
The latter finding is at first right surprising. Mrs Clinton, a successful lawyer in her own ight, appears a far more likely ole model for contemporary merican women than the 57-year-old grandmother who oasts of having given up her was college career in order to narry her husband at the age of 19 in 1945.

Yet if many American women clearly identify with the wife of the Democratic andidate, it is the motherty figure in the White House whom they apparently admire. It is even claimed that Mrs Bush, the beneficiary in part of a sharp contrast in style and dress sense with Nancy Reagan, has become the most popular first lady of modern

She will certainly have done her poll ratings no harm by the stand, a good deal softer than that of the party plat-

towards abortion. Her much quoted comments that she does not think it is the kind of issue that should have any place in a party platform will have done a good deal to reassure the majority of Republicans, also unhappy with the party's hardline position

on the subject.
The skill with which the first lady has hinted at her own views while always refusing to disclose them suggests that she is not quite the simple, uncomplicated soul that is sometimes

she certainly has a sharp tongue. One of her first questions to an author who recently went to see her to discuss a book he was writing was: Who picked that tie? The unfortunate man replied his wife had. The reply was devas-tating: "And you married

Insiders claim that the first lady is a much more formida-ble political presence within the White House than the popular legend allows. Not all views of her influence are flattering. She is reputed to be particularly hard and unforgiving towards staff members who, she feels, have let her husband down.

Married to George Bush for 47 years, she may well be the last president's wife built in the old-fashioned image. America is coming to terms with a more independent, assertive, independent breed of spouse. But whether her eventual successors will prove to be as politically formidable as the matronly figure in pearls remains to be seen.

As soon as the convention is: over she is heading off to California, where her husband is trailing disastrously in the state opinion polls. She has said that she can face the rospect of life after the White House doubt her capacity to fight very hard indeed in order to ensure that the change in the family's lifestyle is postponed for another four years.

one way conversation with the American people, but now it's our turn." Republican delegates whooped and cheered and chanted: "Four more years" as Mr Bush told them: "When history writes about this election, they're coing to say it started right going to say it started right here when you fired up this American president." The convention was off to a

pretty good start, Mr Bush said yesterday, but unlike Michael Dukakis the Democrais' 1988 nominee, Mr Clinton made clear that he would not give his opponent a clear. a barrage of abuse from Republican convention speak-ers, the Arkansas governor began to air television advernents in Houston and Washington that damned Mr Bush's economic record and claimed that the Republicans were responsible for the largest tax increases in American

Meanwhile, the highly con-servative social manifesto that the Republicans adopted on Monday inflamed an angry demonstration that night by several hundred Aids and gay rights activists who marched on the Astrodome. They were confronted by police in riot gear who made scores of gear who made scores of arrests when they started burning barricades, placards and effigies of Mr Bush. Earlier, 41 anti-abortion protesters were arrested outside a Houston abortion clinic.

Mr Reagan, now 81, received a tomultuous ovation. The former president who reportedly complained last winter that his successor "doesn't seem to stand for anything" endorsed Mr Bush "warmly, genuinely, whole-heariedly". However, timetable slippage meant the vintage performance by the Great Communicator was too late

The stakes in this election were high, Mr Reagan said, saying that the Republicans had won the Cold War by standing strong in the face of liberal criticism and accusing the Democrats of running down America.

Still more important for a beleaguered president whose conservative support is weak. Mr Bush also received the endorsement of Mr Buchanan, the right-wing political commentator who had challenged him so ferociously for the Republican nomination.

Glossing over deep philo-sophical differences with Mr Bush, Mr Buchanan told supporters on the convention floor that there was a religious and cultural war being waged for the soul of America. The Clinton camp was on one side, but "George Bush is on our side, and so we have to come home and stand beside him." Mr Buchanan's speech capped a day in which successive speakers had ripped

with mounting ferocity into Mr Clinton, his wife Hillary. and the Democrat-controlled Congress that Mr Bush blames for obstructing all his initiatives. The day provided a foretaste of what promises to

be an ugly campaign.

Mr Reagan used his speech
to celebrate the collapse of
communism, which he said he and Mr Bush had engineered.

Missing magic, page 10



Straw poll: a South Dakota delegate showing his loyalties at the convention

HOUSTON NOTEBOOK by Martin Fletcher

Pioneers of the convention Astrodome get lost in space

red convention visitors in Houston this week another five-letter word is even more prevalent "Where?"

în a metropolitan sprawi as big as the average English county, with absolutely noth-ing within walking distance of anywhere cise, the conventioneers spend half their time careering along a tangle of eight-lane freeways in the wrong direction, or searching hopelessly for venues with five-digit street numbers and not a pedestrian for miles. If you think their problems end each evening when, drained and trembling, they finally reach the convention centre, think again.

The great, glittering Hous-ton Astrodome sits in the middle of the even vaster Astrodomain, a 267-acre complex that also includes the Astroarena, the Astrohall and a boundless expanse of scorching asphalt car park where the absent-minded could mislay their vehicles for

Astrodome from roarena via the Astroball. though all are connected.

The Republicans are using only half of the Astrodome. They have split the 70,000seat stadium with a 3.5-tonne curtain, but on Monday night not even Ronald Reagan could fill the tiers upon tiers of seats that rise to the heavens. You could fit New York's Madison Square Garden in here twice. The guidebooks say you could build a 15-storey building within it and still play tennis on the roof.

It is a harsh world. Samuel Skinner, dismissed as White House chief of staff last week, stands almost unnoticed by a wall. A clutch of women posing for photographs with a lowly congressman deserts him for a passing state governor, who is himself abandoned when a famous senator is spotted. But to the gall of the politi-cians, television anchormen

THIS year's political buzz-word in America is "change". weeks on end. The greatest word in America is "change". error, and the path to mad-but among 50,000 bewil-ness, is to try to reach the The appearance of Pat Robertson, the conservative

evangelist, inspires localised gasps and ripples of applause. There is gridlock when Newt Gingrich, the Republican House whip, greets John Sununu, the president's old Svengali, and their hordes of respective admirers meet face to face. But then Jack Kemp, Hous-Secretary and presiden-wannabe, sweeps past and pulls both the fickle hordes in his wake.

Even Mr Kemp is finally eclipsed. As he holds forth to his supporters a roar goes up behind him. The white hair of Barbara Bush has been spot-ted advancing though the mêlée. Word spreads like wildfire. Television cameras swivel away from the podium. The First Lady's progress appears on the giant screens and the convention breaks into thunderous applause, throwing the speaker of the moment into complete

US police investigate Woody

Police in Connecticut and New York are investigating allegations that film-maker Woody Allen abused one of the chidren who lives with Mia Farrow. Allen's publicist denied the abuse charges, and said that no criminal charges had been brought.

Allen

Allen, 57, is suing Farrow, with whom he has had a custody of their three children, and has confirmed that he is having an affair with Soon Yi Previn, 21, a Korean-American who was adopted as a child by Farrow and her former husband, the musician Andre Previn.

The abuse complaint against Allen arose earlier this month when Farrow, 47, took one of her 11 children to a doctor in Connecticut and asked him to examine the child. By law American doctors are required to inform the police when there is a suggestion of child abuse.

Farrow's lawyer, Alan Dershowitz, who has de-fended Mike Tyson, Leona Helmsley and Claus von Bulow, said she had not initiated the criminal investigation. Ben Macintyre, page 10

The head of a congressional panel probing corruption in Brazil's government said that investigators had enough testimony to justify a formal re-quest to open impeachment proceedings against President Collor de Mello. "There is evidence, not proof, which will make an impeachment re-quest against the president inevitable," Benito Gama, of the pro-government Liberal Front party said.

Erich Honecker, 80, who has been held in jail since he was expelled to Berlin in July, has symptoms of liver cancer, ac-

cording to a doctor who examined the former East German leader on behalf of prosecutors. Asked about claims by Honecker's lawyers that he has cancer, Volkmar Schneider said, "It seems that way ... there are serious indications."

Pascal Lissouba, a former who had a reputation as a hardline Marxist in the 1960s, appears to have a wide lead in the country's presidential elections. He is receiving support in areas previously dominated by outgoing President Sasson-Nguesso. The result is expected tomorrow.

King Husain of Jordan has been admitted to the Mayo clinic in Minneapolis for treatment of a urinary tract hacmorrhage. The monarch, 57, and his American-born wife Queen Noor, who flew to America from Jordan on Monday, said: "Things are much better than they were a couple of days ago."

Japanese police arrested a rightwinger opposed to Emperor Akihito's planned visit to China after he forced his way into the office of Kiichi Miyazawa, the prime minister. The intruder was named as Iwao Kishimoto, 49.

Bahamas electorate decides on future of 'King Ping'

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

AFTER 25 years in power Sir Lynden Pindling, the Bahamian prime minister known popularly as "King Ping" — is going for five more in elections today on the Caribbean coral archipelago off the Florida coast best known for its sunny beaches and secret bank accounts. Mr Pindling thinks he is a hucky man. As on previous

occasions he has chosen a date whose digits add up to ten -August 19. His ruling Progressive Liberal party, which has overcome frequent controversy and scandal in six previous elections, is favoured to win, but the opposition Free National Movement has capitalised on a severe economic downturn to run a close race. The Liberal party has

shown signs of nervousness after a series of government setbacks. Tempers frayed last week when government supporters reportedly threw shells at opposition activists and attacked them with baseball bats and cutiasses, wounding two people.

Despite the difficulties of exercising control over 700 islands and 2,000 small cays that make up the 600-milelong Bahamas chain, Mr Pin-dling, 62, has successfully exploited a tradition of polit-



ical patronage in the islands to maintain a secure parliamentary majority. With a popula-tion of 254,000 — and 125,000 registered voters in only 49 constituencies - the margin between victory and defeat need only be small. Constituencies vary from 3,500 voters down to 512 in the case of Crooked Island. A job in government or the gift of a turkey at Christmas can be all it takes to swing a crucial

This year attention has focused on allegations of government corruption and incompetence. Millions of dollars are missing from government-funded projects. A £29million airport construction has been halted after the government was unable to meet the bills. The state-run Bahamas Air has pulled its three jets out of service for the

In a recent editorial in The Punch, a popular Bahamas tabloid, Ivan Johnson, the editor, wrote The prime minister has shown he is a political magician. But time has shown that his wizardry ends there. King Ping is a hopeless organiser of sound financial and development policies needed for a young nation such as the Bahamas.

Tourism has been affected by the recession in the United States. Every big hotel and casino in the islands is up for sale and surveys at the country's main ports - Nassau, Grand Bahama, Abaco, Andros, Exuma, Eleuthera and Birmini - have shown tourists are unhappy with service. Islanders say that part of the reason for falling living standards is a drop in cocaine trafficking, once estimated to make up 40 per cent of the country's income. Americansupported drug interdiction in Bahamian waters has in-creased significantly in recent

Once he was criticised for not doing enough to prevent the trade. Now Mr Pindling is viewed by American officials as a model of co-operation in the war on drugs.

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Arabs hesitate over Western move to close Iraqi air space



Assad: reluctant to give America support again

ca have announced that they are co-ordinating plans to close the airspace over southern Iraq to Iraqi fighter planes. But many of the 26 allies that took part in the Gulf war have not been consulted and several Arab countries have voiced strong reserva-

The White House said on Monday that the Bush administration had been consulting its Gulf allies but refused to give details of military options. Mr Bush angrily denied press reports that he was seeking to provoke a confrontation with President Saddam Hussein He expressed confidence, however, that the Gulf war coalition would act together in trying to enforce United Na-

tions resolutions. "Of course we have responses planned and they are strong responses," Mr Bush said. He insisted that America had the

As the three main Western powers plan renewed strikes against Saddam, Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor, asks if the anti-Baghdad alliance is still intact

defence ministry said that they had not been placed on any particular state of alert. France

no longer has any planes in Saudi Arabia or Kuwait.

ca are proposing an exclusion

zone to keep Iraqi fighters out

of airspace south of the 32nd

Britain, France and Ameri-

right to use force under the UN resolutions. Britain has already announced that it is ready to send aircraft to take part in military action to enforce sauctions.

Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, said yesterday that the Gulf war allies planned to prevent Iraqi planes from attacking Shia Muslims in the south of Irag. But the timing of any action was still under discussion.

parallel. That would put a swath of southern Iraq 250 miles deep out of reach of fighters and helicopter gun-ships. This would be in addi-France has eight Mirage tion to the exclusion zone of FICR fighters and a refuelling about 125 miles in the north, aircraft based at Incirlik in and would allow the Iraqis to fly over only about 280 miles Turkey to enforce the excluof territory in the centre of the country. Western estimates sion zone over northern Iraq to protect the Kurds. The

put the number of Iraqi air-craft at between 300 and 350, with about 450 helicopters. These have been used to bomb the marshes in the South, where access for ground troops is difficult and where many deserters and Shia. rebels are biding.

The new zone would include Najaf, the Shia boly city, but not Karbala, which lies about 30 miles north of the line. John Major summoned an emergency cabinet meeting yesterday to discuss proposals to intensify the pressure on Saddam. As the three powers that played the largest military role in the Gulf, Britain, France and America would also be the powers to enforce any new restrictions on Iraqi

also sent forces to the Gulf last year, including Italy, Belgium, Spain, Holland, Canada and Australia. There have been no

on the latest proposals to protect the Shias. No meeting of the Western European Union is planned, nor of any other ministerial forum. But the Foreign Office said yester-day that the question how to enforce Iraqi compliance with UN security council resolutions has come up in almost all meetings on the Gulf of the allies and European partners for many months. Britain and France have kept their partners informed of all security council deliberations.

More intensive discussion of the issue has been conducted with the coalition partners in the Middle East, in particular Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the other Gulf states. British, French and American diplomats have been in constant touch with the governments in Riyadh and Kuwait on the logistics and timing of any renewed military action.

Whitehall sees strong sup-port in the Gulf for a tough

mies, however, have been more ambivalent, in particu-lar Egypt and Syria. President Assad of Syria played a central role in supporting conserva-role in supporting conserva-tive Arab states against Bagh-dad. But Syria has been disappointed by what it sees as an attempt by Washington to marginalise it in the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations and it is reluctant to come out openly on the American side

gain over Iraq.
Other countries that contributed to the Gulf war effort. such as Singapore, Argentina, New Zealand and the Philip-pines, are unlikely to be brought into any planning of punitive strikes or exclusion zones. Any military operation would be on a much smaller scale than the Gulf war, and would not involve countries outside the region.

Britain and France recog-

nise that America would bear the brunt of any military

tection of Iraqi minorities. Britain has eight Jaguar combat aircraft and two VC10 transport planes at incirlik, as part of the force protecting the Kurds. A likely air force contribution to any action in south-ern Iraq would be Tornado GRIA recommaissance planes whose all-weather, low-level capabilities played a key role

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in the Gulf war.
The UN inspection team in Baghdad abruptly cancelled its visit to Iraq's ministry of Monday amid concern that the inspectors may have been taken hostage in the growing tension between Iraq and America A three-week dispute between Baghdad and the UN ended last month when a UN team inspected the agrity-handed on July 29. It wil present a report on its finding in New York next week.

Ban on flying 'will hasten Saddam fall'

By Michael Theodoulou in nicosia and Hazhir Teimourian in London

IRAQI opposition groups last night hailed the West's plans to set up an exclusion zone in southern Iraq, which they said would accelerate President Saddam Hussein's downfall by demoralising his armed forces, perhaps leading to mass defections.

The ban on Iraqi overflights south of the 32nd parallel would prevent Saddam flying in troop reinforcements fast to trouble spots, opposition leaders said. It would also prevent him using helicopters to hunt

"It will be a huge blow to army morale," Ahmad Chalabi, the co-ordinator for the Iraqi National Congress, a tion of opposition groups. said. The coalition had met James Baker, then American

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Secretary of State, earlier this month to urge the establishment of a safe haven for the Shias. Dr Chalabi said whole army units, particularly Shias, could defect as they find hundreds of miles from Baghdad.

The Iraqi opposition had opposed American plans for air strikes on targets in Baghdad which they said could win sympathy for Saddam while doing little to alleviate the suffering of the Iraqi people. But there was no indication the West was willing to do more than defend the Shias from attack. Diplomats said that, for Shia insurgents to be an effective tool to remove Saddam, they would need to be armed and trained by the West which is worried about bastening the disintegration of Iraq and leaving the south prey to Iranian fundamentalist influence. Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, long wary of their own Shia minorities, have expressed similar fears.

Some Shia opposition lead-ers are sceptical about Western tactics. "I am not very hopeful that the intervention will be more than symbolic," said Saad Salih Jabr, leader of the Free Iraqi Council. "It has everything to do with the American elections and little to do with bringing about real

change in Iraq."

Mr Jabr believed that Saddam could easily comply with an order to exclude his aircraft from the south without losing face. "He would still use his armour and artillery, and he could even go on with his plan to destroy the marsh Arabs by polluting their rivers with oil. Just remember what he did to the oilfields of Kuwait," he said.

Ebrahim Ahmad, the founder of the Kurdistan Democratic Party of Iraq and leading member of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, hoped that the Western allies were serious about ending repression in the south, as they had been in the "safe havens" of Kurdistan. "For too long, the West has avoided forcing Saddam to comply with the Security Council's Resolution 688, which demands an end to the repression of the various peoples of Iraq," he said.

Baghdad's outrage over the proposed new flight ban was voiced by the official press, which described the West's plans as a "conspiracy and act of sabotage and aggression". Al-Iraq newspaper accused the United States and "the imperialist countries" of shedding crocodile tears over the plight of the Shias, whose real enemy, it said, were Iranian

As well as the flying ban, opposition figures said it was essential to have UN human rights monitors on the ground in the southern exclusion zone. UN and foreign aid workers have only ever had a tiny and restricted presence in the

The dangers facing the few UN personnel even in an exclusion zone were highlighted yesterday when it was revealed a Swedish UN guard was shot and wounded near the Kurdish-controlled northem city of Sulavmanivah on Monday. Lars Hjelmquist was wounded in the abdomen and arm by bursts of gunfire when his car was ambushed. There was also a bomb attack on a Danish UN guard post in northern Iraq on Monday. There were no casualties. Baghdad has denied responsibility while the Kurds have blamed Iraqi intelligence

infiltrators. While Saddam opposes the UN presence as a humiliating infringement of Iraq's sovereignty, failure to co-operate with the mission of Jan Eliasson, the UN envoy, would almost certainly lead to more pressure from the security council and give President Bush yet another opportunity to pick a fight.

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Women warriors: Turkish Kurdistan Workers' Party fighters in northern Iraq, near the border. Women make up a third of the party's force

Embargo and poor harvest threaten safe haven

AS ALLIED forces proceed with plans to create an exclusion zone to protect the Shias in the southern marshes of Iraq, there are warnings that the Kurdish safe haven in the north may be in danger of collapse this winter.

The Kurds face the twin foes of an inadequate harvest and a widening economic embargo. Relief agencies speak of the need to make up a shortfall of about 180,000 tomes of grain when the supply route from the Turkish border is blocked by rival Kurdish insurgents.

Iraqi Kurdish leaders now complain of being caught in the jaws of a vice, the Iraqi regime advancing from the southern highway forming one jaw and the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), which wants to use northern Iraq as a base for its guerrilla operations against Turkey, forming the other. The PKK, in reaction to the Iraqi Kurds' co-

Rival insurgents have created a shortfall of about 180,000 tonnes of grain as winter approaches, Andrew Finkel writes

operation with Ankara, is staging a campaign of intimi-dation against Turkish lorry drivers who once ferried food or fuel over the horder. According to the road haul-age association in the south-

east Turkish city of Gazian-tep, exports of food and supplies, estimated at £15 million for the first half of this year, have now all but ceased. Unless action is taken now, the Kurds face a winter of "disillusionment, despair and disorder", according to John Foran of International Medical Relief who has worked with the Kurds since 1985. This involves setting up a fair system of distribution

to deal with the shortage and organising a system of con-voys to break the PKK blockade.

The PKK are doing Saddam's work for him." said Massoud Barzani, leader of the Kurdistan Democratic Party which has already been in armed clashes with the Turkish Kurds. Such fighting is likely to intensify. The other large Iraqi Kurdish party, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, has released documents to the London-based al-Hayat newspaper which purport to give evidence of a link between traqi intelli-gence and the PKK. Mr Barzani, in London on a

tour of Western capitals, reported a change of attitude in Washington. America, as evinced by its protection of the Shias, is now prepared to tolerate a looser federation in Iraq, short of its complete disintegration. The remain-

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ing problem is to convince a still highly nationalist Arab opposition to be similarly flexible, he said. Mr Barzani will also hold

talks with the Turkish authorities on his way home in September. Although Turkey cannot be displeased at the divisions being sown between the PKK and the parties of the Iraqi Kurdistan Front, it must react eventually to the apparent surrender of authority within its own

The problem facing the traqi Kurds is holding out that long Although most of the food delivered by the Turkish lorries went to Mosul, a city under government control, the trade also yielded a customs excise which formed the Kurds' principal revenue. For months, the civil administration in the north has worked without payment. Now there is nothing to meet the cost of the peshmerga guerrilla armies and their dependants. The newly elected Kurdish assembly is also unable to purchase this year's

by the allies, although regular allied flag-showing sorties probably would be mounted.

"We can respond very quick-ly if the Iraqis put a plane in that area." officials said. To deal with any incursions, Gen-

eral Nelson can call upon the 20 F-14, 20 F/A 18 and 20 A-

6 attack aircraft on board the

Independence, or on the 20 F-

15E and 20 F-16 combat

aircraft, among others, based in Saudi Arabia.

Afghans ready to hit back

Masood, the Afghan defence minister, has moved thousands of Mujahidin guerrillas to Kabul for a counter-attack against Gulbuddin Hek matyar, the rebel fundamentalist chiefiain besieging the capital, Mujahidin source

said yesterday. Mr Masood, a commander of the Jamiat i Islami group called up several thousand reinforcements from his stronghold in northern Afchanistan, the sources in the Pakistani border town of Peshawar said. Mr Hekmatyar leader of the Hezb-i-Islami guerrilla faction, renewed his rocket attacks on Kabul yesterday hours after issuing a call for peace. Government jets retaliated with raids on the strategic Tapa Taj Bik hill, captured by Mr Hekmatyar's fighters after a night of street fighting on Monday.

Sources said that Mr Mascod and President Rabbani rejected an offer by General Abdul Rashid Dos-tum, the head of the formerly pro-communist Uzbek militia, to fly in 10,000 reinforce ments from northern bases around the town of Mazar-i-Sharif. Mr Hekmatyar repeated his offer of a ceasefire on condition that the militia with drew from Kabul in a week.

Missile tested

Delhi: Indian scientists test fired a surface-to-surface missile in the eastern state of Orissa as foreign ministry officials held talks with Pakistan to ease tension. The missile, with a range of 155 miles, could reach Pakistan. (Reuter)

Deficit grows

Canberra: The Australian Labor government pushed the country's shaky economy into an \$Aus13.4 billion £5.06 billion) budget deficit, the largest for 40 years, in what analysts said was a bold attempt to create jobs and stay in power. (Reuter)

Drink banned

Islamabad: Pakistan's national assembly has passed a resolution demanding a total ban on alcohol. Drinking is already prohibited for Muslims and punishable by flogging. but until now non-Muslims had been allowed to drink in private. (Reuter)

Leader quits

Brazzaville: Nguza Kari-i-Bond resigned as prime minister to make way for Etienne Tshisekedi, newly elected by the national conference guiding the country to multiparty democracy, Zairean television reported. (Reuter)

Reporter killed

Ghadir, Lebanon: Gabrille Hulsen, 29, a German journalist married to a Lebanese nightclub owner, was killed in Lebanon when a bomb which was strapped under her car ex-ploded as she set off to buy milk for her baby. (Reuter)

Town seized

Antananarivo: Madagascan protesters, backed by presidential guards, reportedly seized control of Antsiranana, a large northern town, a day before a constitutional referendum aimed at ending 14 months of

Lover blown up Peking: Ge Ruiwang, unset by his girl friend, booby trapped his workplace explosives store planning to lure her to ber death. Instead, he and eight others died when police accidentally detonated the 2.5

US has enough planes and ships in place to keep skies clear

AMERICAN warships and aircraft based in the Gulf are capable of policing effectively a "no-fly" zone in southern Iraq and of waging a short, sharp punishing air war against Baghdad if that should prove necessary.

Since the confrontation with President Saddam Hussein over the request by United Nations weapons experts for access to Baghdad's agriculture ministry last month, there has been an American military build-up in the region. ostensibly part of planned joint military exercises with Kuwait. The Pentagon has been refining plans to knock out the recently rebuilt Iraqi air defence systems and has come up with a list of target options. They may include defence-related ministries in Baghdad, although some Arab governments have expressed disquiet about the prospect of the allies attacking

Pentagon Gulf preparations include the completed transfer to Riyadh of an air battle group, Jamie Dettmer writes

government buildings in the

Iraci capital. In readiness for any Iraqi retaliation in the form of Soud missile attacks on its Gulf neighbours, the United States has deployed anti-missile Patriot batteries in Bahrain, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. In Kuwait, there are two batteries, Bahrain has one and there are several — the Pentagon will not say how many — in Saudi Arabia, All the Patriot batteries now in the Gulf incorporate technological improvements developed since

The policing of the air exclusion zone south of the American warplanes deployed

32nd parallel will be directed by a 30-strong air warfare battle group that was moved to Riyadh from South Carolina's Shaw air force base last Thursday. The group, led by Lieu-tenant-General Michael Nelson, also has the capability and equipment to direct bombing raids, if called upon General Nelson will rely on about 80 American aircraft based at Dhahran and 78 aircraft based on the carrier. USS Independence, now patrolling in the Gulf, to monitor

and police the "no-fly" zone. It

is unlikely that the general will

be able to use the 40 or so

Turkey. Ankara has indicated that it is not prepared to support the latest efforts to restrain Iraq, according to senior officials of the Bush As in the Gulf war, the

Americans have the capability to monitor anything that flies in the region. Surveillance will be mounted in any operation by two Boeing E-3D Awacs early warning and command aircraft and by a U-2 spy plane. It is understood that General Nelson may request one of America's two Boeing/Grumman E-8 sur-Stars. Both J-Stars are still being tested, although they took part in their first missions during the Gulf war. The J-Stars can pinpoint a stationary object, such as a tank, from well over 100 miles and can survey 386,100 square miles in an eight-hour some. Sur-



veillance of the air exclusion zone will also be monitored by the radar systems on the 17 ships in the USS Independence's battle group.

"Anything that moves in the

Gulf, we can see it." Bill Taylor, a retired army colonel and warfare academic, said.

"We can know when an aircraft comes up, what speed it is flying, what direction it is going in and, generally, what type of aircraft it is." Pentagon sources said last night that it was unlikely that a constant

combat air patrol would be flown over the exclusion zone

The Pentagon can also call on the services of the aircraftcarrier, USS Saratoga, which at present is in the Adriatic. Within a day of receiving orders the Saratoga could be in the eastern Mediterranean and playing a role in the Gulf In all, there are 26,000 American ground troops in the Gulf. If the imposition of an air exclusion zone leads to clashes and to an American

decision to bomb Iraq, then all the hardware is in place. tonnes of dynamite. (Reuter)

Cold will kill more Bosnians than civil conflict, UN fears

By Tim Judah in okucani and Our Foreign Staff

UNITED Nations relief officials say more people could be killed by the approaching Balkan winter than have died in more than a a year of fighting in the former

They say the cold will bite not just in the devastated siege cities of Bosnia-Herzegovina but also in refugee and prison camps across the former federation. "The bitter Balkan win-Sylvana Foa, for the UN High Commission for Refugees, said last night. Citing reports from the UN agency workers in the field, she added: "Winter could very likely prove to be more deadly than the fight-ing." At least 18,500 people are known to have died in 14 months of conflict in the former Yugoslavia, although



official who accompanied a French government mission to Sarajevo and three Serb-run prison camps last week, also issued a warning of impending disaster. Mr Lammière. director of the UN department of humanitarian affairs, said the Bosnian capital, which hosted the 1984 Winter Olympics, can become brurally cold.
"Not only is there massive destruction of buildings but

Balkan commentary

Greater Serbia rises again

The Serbian warlords have succeeded in capturing almost everything they wanted in Bosnia, Roger Boyes writes

THERE is a certain L smugness nowadays about Serb leaders, both among the calculating politicians in the large offices of Belgrade and among the wardords in Bosnia.

The reason is simple. Serbia has captured almost everything it wanted in Bosnia and can enter the London peace talks next week as a generous partner. The frontiers of Greater Serbia are almost sealed; all that remains is to bring Serbs in

Dr Radovan Karadzie, the tousle haired psychiatrist, who leads the Bosnian Serbs, put it succincily: "We now control 70 per cent lof Bosniaj, yet we only claim 64 per cent. This was a somewhat perverse statement. Ethnic Serbs account for less than one third of the 4.3 million population of Bosnia. But the old mathematics, based on census results, have been discarded. Guns rather than electronic calcu-

lators dictate the new reality. There are pockets of Muslim resistance within the new Greater Serbia and they so irritate the local Serb commanders that they throw everything at the unfortunate cities of Bihac in the northwest corner of Bosnia, and Gorazde in the southeast. The United Nations can perhaps save these enclaves; or the Serbs may choose to call off their slege as a bone to be thrown to the peacemakers next week. What, and who, else can

be saved? President Izetbegovic of Bosnia will enter the London talks with only a mini state, a few hundred square kilometres around Sarajevo. There is no meaningful Bosnian administration any more, no Bosnian economy.

The Bosnian president's only hope is to press for a United Nations protectorate that would rebuild the state in its old frontiers. Most of the European Community, Austria and Slovenia would accept this since it would ease the flow of refugees.

.The Bosnian Serbs and the Bosnian Croats are not so certain. For Belgrade, a UN protectorate would be acceptable only if it allowed the Serbs to hold on to most of the captured land. Anything that seems to legitimise Greater Serbia is welcomed. The Serbs stopped, or re-duced, their fighting in Croatia last January at exactly such a moment; the territorial gains had been made and the UN presence was a guarantee of sorts that the Cross would not meous a

the Serbs agreed to a UN protectorate. The Croats. meanwhile have grabbed land in western Herzegovina and declared their own Bosnian Croat republic.

> There is a difference how-Lever: unlike Belgrade, Zagreb has recognised the old Bosnia-Herzegovina as a state, has proposed a Bosni-an-Croat confederation and closer economic co-operation. The Croat leadership is not propelled by a messianic vision, like the Serbs, but by the assumption that Bosnia-Herzegovina will be split into ethnic cantons. It is staking out its claim in advance of a political settlement.

The London conference may have the makings of a settlement if only because the Serbs have snatched what they want and are almost ready to stop fighting. There is a moral issue: should the West agree in any way to the dismemberment of Bosnia-Herzegovina? What kind of precedent does this set for others who want to change frontiers by force? Some face can be saved by insisting on the guaranteed return of refugees to Serbian held ter-

In practice, few refugees will want to come back. It is probably too late to turn the clock back: Bosnia, as recognised by the EC in April, no longer exists. Serbia holds the land and only a Western war against Serbia could reverse the situation.

there are no windows left. So when those winds start blowing — you know Sarajevo is in a valley and the wind will start blowing - people will die of cold, water will freeze."

The warnings came as Mario, aged three months, gurgled happily on a coach seat. But his mother was not smiling. They have been parked in a shed for three days. With 258 other refugees they left the northern Bosnian town of Bosanska Dubica on Saturday. Now they have become a nawn in a trial of Serbs and the UN.

The former motorway maintenance sheds and offices had been empty since Croat fighters were driven out of the Okucani area, 75 miles southeast of Zagreb, last summer. Now the miserable, mostly Muslim, refugees are living there in their buses, or on bare concrete floors exposed to the elements by gaping shell holes in walls and roofs.

Their tale is unremarkable. Most of the adults were dismissed from their jobs three months ago. Increasingly they came to fear for their lives. Many men were taken away to Serb-run detention centres. There were frequent shootings and bombings of Muslim properties: Fifteen days ago they signed forms declaring "voluntarily" that they wanted to leave the area. "There was no food, there were no cigarettes and there was no more freedom," one woman said. Jasmina, 15, said: "Every day we went to the Red Cross and

they said 'not today'. On Saturday they said 'go."

Four buses were laid on. As the 260 crossed the bridge to an enclave of Serb-held Croaria, which is under UN control, valuables and cash were taken from them. "Don't write how bad it was," one terrified woman said, "all our families are still there."

According to Major Vijay Thaper, the UN civil affairs officer, the refugees were allowed to enter the UN zone because the Croatian govern-ment had not rold the UN that, from Saturday, it was going to enforce a ban on any s. The 200 a living off the rations provided by the UN's Nepalese battal-ion. They are stuck in limbo, too terrified to go home and angry with the Croatians for not letting them out of Serb and UN-controlled territory. "We don't want to go to Croatia," one man said. "We all have family in Germany and Austria: just help us get

there, please."
Rubbish surrounds the buses, including thousands of old motorway toll tickets and piles of manure. A few hundred yards away are the wrecked toll booths of the Okucani exit of old Belgrade to Zagreb

On a coach seat lay a child's teddy bear. Its shirt bore the slogan: "No Problem". In the shed little boys whooped as they sent their darts flying up to the ceiling. They were made from motorway toll tickets weighted with spent bullet

Yesterday, Peter Kessler, spokesman for the UNHCR. described the Bosanska Dubica arrivals as "leakage". In fact, they are a test case. If the Crosts let them in, even if only in transit, then more will follow. United Nations officials believe that, instead of large number of people being pushed out in single convoys, small groups will be allowed, perhaps avoiding the media spotlight. In the squalld sheds in Okucani the trial of strength has begun.

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Prices and political disarray blight celebration of Moscow coup failure

A year after the failed rebellion, most

A YEAR after the tanks mingled with Monday morning rush-hour traffic to enforce "acting president" Yanayev's state of emergency, many Muscovites have lost the idealism and the hopes they believe they had a year ago. Yesterday, the whole gamut of the Russian press reflected their

The conservative press concentrated on living standards and prices, with Pravda printing a table of comparisons, showing a tenfold price increase for most of its selected goods - but no table of wage trated on what they see as the failings of the democrats since they took power: their tendency to split, their apparently chaotic management of the economy and, according to some, an inexorable drift towards a new totalitarianism, as more and more power seems to be concentrated in the hands of fewer and fewer

Nezavisimaya Gazeta printed an especially aggrieved article, by Yulia Vishnevskaya, the exiled writer and human rights campaigner. Writing from Munich, she asked: "What could the emergency committee have done that the democrats have not done already?" She added: "So far as one can see, the same system of power is growing up in Russia as existed in the Soviet Union before 1985. The same

totalitarian regime, only this from prison in late June after becoming the first of the time in the system of state, rather than party, organs."
Nobody used this week's imprisoned plotters to complete reading the volumes of evidence against him. He has anniversaries to celebrate the democrats' victory - until returned to work as head of the Novomoskovskoe farm complex. Boris Pugo, the former Soviet interior minister. committed suicide on August

Gennadi Yanayev is still in

as a "model prisoner", spent a few days in hospital earlier this

month, but is now back in

chairman of the Soviet parlia-

Anatoli Lukyanov, former

yesterday evening. Almost 2,000 people from Moscow and central Russian cities gathered to commemorate their part in defending the last year. As they collected their "Heroes of the White House badges, they were asked if they would turn up to the Matrosskaya Tishina prisdefend the White House again. Old and young said: "Of course, we would have to". One or two, however, added tellingly: "If democracy was at

The plotters themselves, however, have even less to celebrate. Aleksandr Tizyakov, the former president of the association of state enterprises and closely connected with the military-industrial complex, is still in the Matrosskaya Tishina prison in a Moscow suburb, charged with plotting to seize power.

Vassili Starodubtsev, chairman of the peasants' union and head of an agro-industrial complex in the Tula region, south of Moscow, was released

coup, is also in prison. Mr Russians are preoccupied with their Lukyanov, who has repeatedly denied involvement, has pubcountry's plight, writes Mary Dejevsky lished two slim volumes of verse while in prison and his wife and daughter have campaigned vigorously for his release. Of those who have spoken since their arrest, only Marshal Yazov has shown any contrition, regretting that he ever became involved (It was he who ordered the tanks into Moscow.). Since his release. Mr Starodubtsev has insisted 22 last year, shortly before the that he is innocent and claims briefly deposed president, His wife died soon afterwards knew all about plans to impose from a gunshot wound.

> In all, 14 people were on, as is Oleg Baklanov, deputy chairman of the Soviet arrested in connection with the failed coup, of whom only Defence Council and member one - Mr Starodubtsev - has of the Soviet Communist Parbeen released and two ty's central committee secretar-Valeri Boldin, Mr Gort. The other three members bachev's former chef de cabinet, and Viktor Grushko, the of the plotters' "emergency committee" — Vladimir Kryuchkov, chairman of the Soviet KGB; Valentin Pavlov, KGB's deputy chairman have been released for health reasons. Soviet prime minister, Marshal Dmitri Yazov, defence Britons in Gulag, page 1 .

a state of emergency.

weeks after the defeat of the

minister - are all still in prison facing the same charge as Mr Baklanov. Mr Kryuchkov, who has been described

MEWS IN BRIEFS

Georgians take rebel capital

Sukhumi: Georgian troops, backed by tanks, seized control of the Abkhazian capital of Sukhumi yesterday, and a military council was appointed to rule the rebellious region. Tengiz Kitovani, the Georgian defence minister, arriving hours later at the Abkhazian parliament building, where the Abkhazian flag had been pulled down and replaced by a Georgian one. said the action was taken because Abkhazia had de-clared its independence from Georgia last month.

Every Georgian who loves his nation will support this step," Mr Kitovani said. Tanks and armoured vehicles western Georgia earlier yesterday, according to the Interfax news agency and Russian television.

Anna Broide, a Russian journalist reached in midafternoon by telephone inside the Abkhazian council of ministers' building, said Georgian troops had fired at the headquarters and set the parliament building on fire. A duty officer at the government building said the attack had left several buildings on fire, and explosions could be heard over the telephone line. There was no word on casualties. A reporter who arrived in the city several hours later did not see

Airlift to start

Nairobi: America said that it was ready to begin an airlift to starving Somalis using 11 mil-itary cargo planes in a two-month effort to deliver 145,000 tonnes of food. Some aid agencies fear the operation could overwhelm their sparse

Aid threatened

Nairobi: Sudanese rebels besieging the southern city of refugees, say they will shoot at United Nations planes when they resume an emergency airlift this week. The rebels daimed earlier that the UN had flown in arms. (Reuter)

Icons stolen

Moscow: Thieves have stolen sures, including icons and an-2,000 burglaries in Russia this year, the Russian interior ministry said. The treasures, worth £2.8 million, were stolen over 18 months. (AFP)

Circus killing

Aubenas: Krysztof Baschuz, 24, a Polish trumpet player, died after being shot in the eye by Tony Bertolazzi, 22, a crossbowman who missed his target, a small balloon, during a circus performance in this southern French town. (AFP)

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New Agers dig for Bacon's world of peace and happiness governing body finally capitulated and the great Elizabethan writer. Bacon, not believe the graveyard contains



Bacon: the focus of a

ARCHAEOLOGISTS yesterday began encavating in the grounds of a church in Williamsburg Virginia, parily in search of a "book of Utopia" written by Sir Francis Bacon, the Elizabethan nilosopher and statesman, and partly to put an end to a bizarre historical controversy that has focused on the

site for half a century. Since the 1930s, a sect of New Age mystics named Veritat has argued that a vault in Braton parish churchyard holds a blueprint for world happiness and eternal peace written by Bacon and hidden there on his instructions — a claim which is based on some historical research and a lot of credulity. For years Veritat, based in Los Angeles, has tried to persuade the church authorities to permit an excavation, lobbying local people and carrying out illegal night excavations of its own. This month the church's

gave permission for professional archaeologists to carry out an

While there is scientific evidence to suggest that something is buried beneath the churchyard after radar tests in 1986 revealed an object 10ft square and 10ft underground, the department of archaeology of Colonial Williamsburg says the history society is more interested in the remains of an early church on the site built in 1683. 'We don't believe there is anything of Francis Bacon's down there, but we want to kill two birds with one stone." Patrick Milleman, of Colonial Wil-

tiamsburg, said. The decision to undertake an excavation was greeted with cautious enthusiasm by the Sir Francis Bacon Research and Historical Society of America, while members of the New Age sect remain persistently convinced that the dig will reveal the secret to world peace, as conceived by

who died in 1626, never travelled to the New World. That belief is based on the theories of an elderly Christian mystic named Marie Bauer Hall, who came up with the theory in 1938 after studying Shakespeare's works, which the group believes to have been written by Bacon.

The New Agers not only believe that the vault holds the key for world redemption, but may also contain proof that Bacon was the son of Elizabeth L. Some of the most extreme disciples of the New Age also believe that it contains her lost crown jewels, the first edition of the King James Bible, and original copies of the US Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence. Bacon writings about the New World have led them to the conclusion that he thought "important documents"

Holding court: leaders of the plot to overthrow Mikhail Gorbachev at a press conference a year ago today. Most of the conspirators are in jail awaiting trial

> would be safer in America than Most residents of Williamsburg do

anything of interest, and wish the New Age pilgrims, some of whom have previously set up camp outside the graveyard, would just go away.

A year ago, three members of the

sect stole into the graveyard and began digging up the plot again. A judge ordered them to stay away, but they dug another hole two months later, whereupon they were charged with trespassing and destruction of church property. The three New Agers then apparently left the state, and there is a city injunction against their

Since then, the mystics have been lobbying the local parish to permit an excavation, and had apparently planned a media onsiaught to propa-gaze their theories starting next month. This month, the Bruton parish church board finally gave permission for the dig - to put a stop to the debate and to get a little of that world peace for Williamsburg's townsfolk.

Undressing in Russian

Anne McElvoy takes

a language lesson

the classroom, and the 20 minutes leading up to the break were the same eternity, punctuated by recurring mirages of chocolate biscuits. The old habits popped back into place, even to the finger kept in the vocabulary list at the back of the book in case a mental block should strike during my turn in the spotlight. I have spent a month at an intensive Russian summer school in preparation for going to work in Moscow, and can vouch for the prickly satisfaction of reliving the classroom in adulthood: the pleasure of learning is intensified by the nostalgic frisson of being back behind a graffing covered desk, chanting unfamil-

iar words like incantations.

At the next desk sat a middle-aged customs officer from Heathrow who wanted to know how to ask suspected smugglers to undress, in the politest possible way, in Russian. The sole aim of the Anita Brooknerish lady opposite was to read Tolstoy in the original. The chauffeur from Hertford wanted to get involved in charity work in St Petersburg, and there was neceentric retired military man who, for reasons we never discovered, was intent on learning to write out the Lords's Prayer in Cyrillic script.

It was all a heartening reminder that, despite Britons' reputation for being bad at foreign languages, our enthusiasm for attempting them in adulthood is unaffected. The Association for Language Learning insists that we are not, anyway, as bad at languages as we think: shyness and lack of exposure to foreign tongues outside school are the problem. Teenagers from Scandinavia to the Balkans buy British pop records and queue for the latest American films, thereby learning quite naturally that languages are fun.

However, acquiring a spoken language skill demands a certain desire to show off — an art at which we do not excel. Making a fool of oneself is probably the fear most deeply rooted in the British soul, and learning languages demands that one does just that now and then. I was recently proud to find I could communicate with an Albanian peasant in Russian, only to discover that my questions about the size of his land sounded to him like an offer to buy, and that the family cow was

being led hopefully towards me.

There is a powerful psychological regression in returning to the study of tongues. Fifteen grown-ups who had been chatting about their gardens, mortgages and children before the start of the first class metamorphosed rapidly into quarrelsome 12-year-olds once more, shamelessly competing for the teacher's favour. We hissed the right answers under our breath when a neighbour was in trouble, sighed at the slowness of our classmates and giggled at the eagerness of the swots.

udmilla called us (pensioners included) "my children" and once dispelled our collective learly morning stupor by charging in shouting: "Today we will scale the Everest of imperfective verbs without oxygen." Her methods were everything that the trendier exponents of language teaching despise. She gave scant attention to the array of technological aids the faculty had provided, referring to the much-prized "self access" learning centre with its satellite TV, videos and computer games with dismissive Russian intonation as the "self-excess place". Nor would she entertain the notion that it does not matter how you speak but whether you are understood — a theory that has churned out a generation whose French consists of a string of nervously unconnected words as random as Jacques Derrida's prose.

Jacques Derrida's prose.

She had just received a circular from a language teachers' association advising that literacy should take second place to communication in the classroom. "Nonsense," said Ludmilla. "Who wants to communicate with an illiterate wally anyway?" And we bent our heads to literacy once again. It was a month of rediscovered joys: of lassoing a wayward verb. nailing slippery pronunciation and reading one's first poem in the original. Around the polytechnic corridors I would glimpse fashionably rumpled lecturers muttering that grammar wasn't the thing at all, it was understanding television that mattered. No thanks. I'll scale the Everest of imperfective verbs the hard way, with nothing but the old tingle of fear at being caught daydreaming to aid me.

Has Woody Allen joined that group forced by fame to play a starring role? asks Ben Macintyre

Tor the past 12 years a quiet daily ritual has taken place in New York's Central Park. A small, shambolic figure wearing a floppy hat and thick spectacles would wander from the east side of the park to the west and back again. The park-keepers, panhandlers and joggers would nod to him, alert tourists might recognise him and demand an autograph, but usually Woody Allen was noticed but undisturbed as he wandered back and forth to visit Mia

Farrow, the actress with whom he has shared more than a decade of companionship, three children, but never a home.

That rite, abruptly ended last week, was one of many by which the film-maker has become indissolubly part of New York. His favourite deli, cinema and bar are all part of the city's folklore. The news that Woody Allen has ended his relationship with Mia Farrow, is suing for custody of their children and is conducting

an affair with one of Ms Farrow's adopted children. 21-yearold Soon-Yi, a Korean-American, has done nothing to alter the perception of many New Yorkers that Allen's life and films are one and the same, nor that his life is essentially that of

Manhattan transfer

New York itself: chaotic, neurotic and mordantly hilarious.

"Woody Allen's fans are perhaps more intimate with him than any audience has ever been with a celebrity," wrote one Allen hiographer. "They identify with him. They lust after him. They imagine themselves as him. And they dream about him."

The city's obsession with Allen is only marginally less pro-

The city's obsession with Allen is only marginally less pronounced than the film-maker's obsession with himself. Introspective to the point of neurosis,
Allen's friends say his self-doubt
is laced with personal if selfmocking ambition, and he is
acutely conscious of his image. "I
don't want to achieve immortality through my work," he once
said. "I want to achieve it
through not dying."

The son of a Brooklyn odd-job man, Martin Konigsberg, and Nettie, a book-keeper, Woody Allen has forged a relationship with film-goers, particularly those in New York, that is unique in its confessional quality. Although he has always denied



An odd couple: Farrow and Allen have enthralled New York

that his films are autobiographical, nobody ever believed him.

He has habitually cast his lovers in lead roles, usually playing opposite himself. Mia Farrow has appeared in eight of his last 13 films, and before that Diane Keaton was his co-star. Ingmar Bergman, the film-maker on whom Allen says he models himself, has also tended to portray his personal life.

Allen's latest entanglements

are an obvious case of life imitating art, but they may also be an example of art propelling life along, willy-nilly. The director has arguably joined the list—Marilyn Monroe, Mike Tyson, Sean Penn — of those whom celebrity has forced to fill a role, sometimes tragically.

For a man who has always claimed to be intensely shy. Allen's recent pronouncements on his affair have been astonishingly public, almost rehearsed. "Regarding my love for Soon-Yi," he said in a statement, "it's real and happily all true. She's a lovely, intelligent, sensitive woman who has and continues to turn around my life in a wonderfully positive way." That remark, down to its garbled syntax, is a line from a Woody

wonderfully positive way." That remark, down to its garbled syntax, is a line from a Woody Allen script.
"I have much more to say about this matter," he added. For Allen, the farrago of his private life, soon to be played out in a child custody court, already has elements of the grand performance to it. No doubt he would prefer not to have to endure public scrutiny of his sex life, but the unwritten law of fame, which requires that actors must behave in character, may leave him little choice. He has never balked from discussing sex ("the most fun I ever had without laughing") on screen, and he is playing

along now.

His films may even play a part
in that lawsuit. In Manhattan

I don't believe in extra-marital relationships. I think people should mate for life, like pigeons or Catholics"— this from a character, a neurotic writer in his forties, who is having an affair with "a girl who does homework".

Some of the script of that film, possibly his finest. may now make the 57-year-old actor-director wince. In it he tells his 17-year-old lover (Mariel Hemingway): "But you're a kid, and, and I never want you to forget that you know... I want you to enjoy me, my wry sense of humour and astonishing sexual technique... As long as the cops don't burst in we're, you know, I think we're going to break a couple of records."

The cops, however, may be on their way. State police in Connecticut are reported to be investigating an allegation that Allen previously abused one of Mia Farrow's 11 children, a charge denied by the actor's publicist.

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As he struggles to defend himself and gain custody of his children, and as a city ponders the fate of one of the strangest and funniest men airve, Woody Allen may well be wondering whether life could possibly be more like the movies.

Bush and the missing magic

The Republicans are in danger of losing the Reagan legacy, says

Anthony Howard in Houston

he old trouper returned to the boards for the opening night of the Republican convention and almost stole the show. Now a frail 81-year-old, Ronald Reagan has always been the type of politician whose appeal is difficult to categorise. He never seemed to want to be more than the nice guy in the movie, the hero's best friend who, if he never gets the girl, at least wins the sympathy of the audience.

Dwight Eisenhower, the only other post-war president to serve a full two terms in the White House, possessed much the same ability to appear likeable. The secret of their success was probably the same. Both men used their personal popularity to break through partisan battle lines, and though neither was exactly energetic in office, each won a brace of smashing electoral victories as a result.

Mr Reagan's achievement, if only because he handed over a constituency intact to his successor (something that Ike was unable to do for the young Richard Nixon), is probably the more considerable. Indeed, until a few months ago, it looked as if what he had put together was an entirely new pattern of public support for the Republican party. Just as Franklin Roosevelt built the old Democratic coalition, so Reagan deserves the credit for constructing a fresh combination of interest groups that, with luck, would allow the Republicans to emerge, if not quite as the most powerful political force in the land, then at least as the party most regularly trusted with controlling the executive arm of government

Fear that that whole legacy is

now in jeopardy explains the jumpiness which has so far characterised this year's Republican convention. The prospect of George Bush's defeat may not by itself break too many loyalist hearts; but if he takes down with him, as he would inevitably do, the dream on which the party has pinned all its hopes, then every Republican footsoldier will feel a sense not just of loss but of hitterness.

Mr Reagan's speech on Monday night was crafted to try to persuade the old believers not to throw it all away. (He and his successor have never been particularly close — their wives even less so — so the prominent place given to the former president in the convention programme tells its own tale of the dire straits that the Bush campaign believes itself to be in.) Yet there is nothing tike an old actor for rising to the occasion, and after a hesitant start the ex-president did his successor proud.

The snag, though, is that his erstwhile admirers are not really Mr Reagan's to deliver. It be that he can still command the legions of the religious right. although their new hero remains the darker figure of Pat Buchanan, the man who challenged the president in the primaries. He, too, was brought to the podium to swear fealty to the Republican ticket, but his speech was much uglier and more menacing in tone. It may have been a wow in the hall, especially with the groundlings, but how it will have played with the voters outside is another question.

The God squad is plainly important to the Republican party — it has, after all, largely dictated this year's platform —



but by itself it is not going to determine the election result. The voters who look destined to do that are those known as "the Reagan Democrats" — the blue-collars and hard-hats whom the Great Communicator wooed away from their former Democratic allegiance into the Republican column. They now pose the greatest danger to President Bush's re-election, and a single night's display of nostalgia is hardly likely to be enough to win them back.

Mr Bush's problem is that he has never been strong on what used to be called "the lunch-pail issues". Like Anthony Eden, whom he in some ways resembles, his whole career has been made in foreign policy, and he has never claimed to be expert or experienced in anything else. That may not have mattered so long as the contest with the Soviet Union ("the evil empire" of Reagan's farmous phrase) remained a vivid threat in the forefront of American minds.

But the collapse of communism has altered the nation's sense of priorities and there is little sign that the dogged effort to turn the victory of liberty over tyranny into a specifically Republican triumph has yet made much impact with the electorate.

The truth is that this looks likely to be a highly domestic election, and it is the president's perceived failure to deal with problems at home that is liable to be held most against him. If one factor has characterised the

American way of life it has been the buoyant belief held by families at every economic and social level that, whatever else happens, their children will be able to look forward to better and more cheerful lives than they have had. The most alarming omen for the Republicans this November is that, under the weight of the recession, that conviction has ceased to be an article of national faith. It was Ross Perot who first tapped this vein of popular anxiety, and the fact that the polls show his former supporters splitting four to one in favour of the Democrars is the measure of the uphill task that the Republican party now confronts.

resident Bush's answer, delivered at his first meeting with delegates outside the convention hall on Monday might, is to promise that everything will change once he takes the gloves off and starts to fight. Quite apart from the obvious riposte that he has left it rather late, there is a difficulty about the tactics he apparently intends to employ. Time and again, in a blitz of television interviews, he has declared his objective as being "to define his opponent".

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If that means launching the same no-holds-barred assault on Governor Clinton with which he destroyed Governor Dukakis four years ago, the president could be in for a nasty shock. For the other significance of Perot's aborted campaign was the disaffection it reflected with the ways of politics and politicians

The best advice to Mr Clinton is probably that, whatever the provocation, he should resolve not to react in kind. If he keeps his cool, it may well need more than the memories of Ronald Reagan's magic to save the carefully created new Republican coalition from falling apart just as decisively as the old Democratic one did after Bobby Kennedy was killed in 1968.

generally.



...and moreover

e are talking neither English nor French, though the passing eavesdropper might think we were talking both. What we are in fact talking is Navaho. Possibly Cherokee.

He says: "Was it Big Green.

bly Cherokee.

He says "Was it Big Green
Blobs Like Eyes But Not Eyes?"
I say: "No it was Red Waving
Stalky Things."
He nods, and muses, and says:

"Wings With Black Dots?"

I shake my head and say:
"Wings With Orange Flecks."
Thus it is when non-entomologists meet, and thus it must have been when American Indians, having words but no nomenclature, first found their skin being punctured by horrible bugs and ran around yelling until someone asked them what it was they were yelling about. That is how so many of them ended up being called Bitten By Green Blobs and Dances with Stings and so on. At

And guesswork is the procedure, here in Dr Brocard's surgery, whither I have hobbled on one leg which looks like a leg and one leg which looks like a leg and one leg which looks like a leg and one leg which looks like a bag of rugby balls, for while he has some English and I have some French, neither of us has enough of either to identify what it was that sank its arsenal into my calf yesterday, so we have to proceed by a sort of verbal identikit.

Nevertheless, we do finally converge, thanks to my having got a good look at my attacker. four centimetres long, six green Anglepoise legs, feathery red for interpretation of unguents we had carted down to Provence for just such an emergency, but when I woke up this morning I realised that this hadn't been just

antennae, orange polka-dotted wings, and somewhere hidden in all that extravagant and misleading frippery, like a Borgia stiletto concealed in a hand-tooled Psalter, a poisoned hypodermic capable of inflating a human leg to twice its normal size.

I got a good look at it only because it was good to look at. It landed on my knee yesterday as I lay supine on the poolside grass, and as I watched it mince delicately about my shin, I felt that fashionable oneness which yokes us all together, large and small, upon this teeming planet. I felt that proper reverence at God's niftiness with blueprint and spanner, and I felt that warm glow which suffuses us when a dumb animal seems happy in our

company.

I say feel, but I did not know what feeling was until a good half-minute had passed, when it transpired that the thing was not ambling about just because it liked me or because it wished to prance its finery, it was looking for a decent picnic spot, which it finally found halfway across my

left calf.

I know that that was what it was after, i.e., lunching rather than stinging because when I stopped shricking for long enough to swipe it from my calf, it left there a hollow proboscis full of blood. So I shricked a bit more and sloshed on some stuff from the trunkload of unguents we had carted down to Provence for just such an emergency, but when I woke up this morning I

such an emergency, because there was a bag of rugby balls in bed with me, proving that the unguent was a fat lot of use. Not as fat a lot, mind, as the leg

Not as fat a lot, mind, as the leg itself. But it is defiating now, thanks to Dr Brocard's having stuck his own equally painful needle into me to tap off a bathful of water, and while I am lying here on his bunk digesting a handful of antihistamine pills, it occurs to me that there could well be a book in this, because of all the wonderful books thrown together by Englishmen in Provence, none of them tells you what to swat.

English swatting is easy, we

have only the wasp and the gnat and they both look horrible, even foreigners know where they are with these, but down here there are a thousand different nasties and very few of them look it, most of them look as though Faberge were still in business, and you do not want to start lashing or aerosoling lest you expunge something as good as it is beautiful, which you do not discover it isn't until it has taken a lump out of you.

So I shall spend the rest of my holiday asking locals about Big Green Blobs Like Eyes But Not Eyes, and so forth, and I shall compile a comprehensive hit-list, and then I shall come home and find a publisher smart enough to agree that the optimum format would be a large, thin, flexible paperback with a wipe-clean iaminated cover. With something like that, you wouldn't have to be Peter Mayle to make a killing.

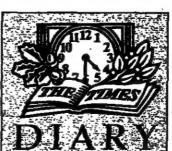
Never say toujours

PROVENCE without Peter Mayle is surely as unthinkable as Avignon sans le pont. But reports that after making a fortune out of his books on southern France. Mayle is about to down his last bottle of Côte du Rhône and head for the even sunnier climes of California are apparently true. The author of Toujours Provence has finally said suffice and has been spotted house hunting on America's west coast.

Besieged by tourists turning up unarmounced, Mayle has jealously guarded what remains of his privacy and changed his telephone number for an ex-directory one. But the influx of tourists to Mayle's village of Ménerbes is likely to grow even worse. The BBC has recently finished filming a 12-part series based on the books starring John Thaw. By next summer locals fear Ménerbes could be the Blackpool of Provence.

Paul Eddy, a British journalist living in the village, says: "We've heard that he may be moving house but we hadn't realised that he might be moving country. He has so little to do with the community here that they probably wouldn't notice if he went. The worry is that the television series will perpetuate the myths and attract even more tourists."

Gray Joliffe, the cartoonist who co-produced the Wicked Willie books with Mayle, says that apart from the odd Christmas card he has not heard from his former collaborator. "I have never even been invited to Provence. It wouldn't surprise me if he moved. It must be getting quite hot with tourists turning up the whole time." Mayle was in touch with his publisher Hamish Hamilton yesterday after the rumour surfaced. A



spokesman said of their conversation: "It is confidential" — a strange comment, perhaps, concerning an author who has made his fortune by disclosing every detail of his life in France.

If he does move to America, Mayle is likely to keep his Provence home, where he at present lives with his second wife Jennie. His first wife and five children already live in America. Locals will be sorry to see Mayle go. Villagers say they are pleased to have un célèbre in their midst. Perhaps fortunately for Mayle his books have not been translated into French and iew locals read English. Whether Mayle ism will extend to California remains to be seen.

Ring of diffidence

DAVID MELLOR, who according to his office has been on "a family touring holiday of Britain", has also found time for extensive European travel in recent weeks. So far this month he has been sighted at Euro-Disney and the Salzburg Festival, not to mention Barcelona. Most recently he turned up at the Bayreuth Festival in Bavaria with a male companion and stayed for the whole of last week, attending a complete cycle of Wagner's Ring.

Mellor was staying at the \$100-a-night Bayerscherhof Hotel, where he was to be seen doing his home-

work with Walkman and libretto

prior to each evening's performance. The minister may or may not have been delighted to find Jeremy Isaacs among his fellow opera-goers at one performance. Mellor is rumoured to be keen to see a successor to Isaacs as directorgeneral of the Royal Opera House and discreetly avoided the Arts Council's biggest client throughout the evening. The production? Götterdämmening, of course.

Club-class post

FEW today remember Jess Conrad, the early Sixties pop star and actor, but the Royal Mail, it seems, has not forgotten. Conrad, now 57,



recently lost a golf ball embossed with his name at a charity golf tournament at Hazelmere in Bucking hamshire. Someone — neither he nor the postman knows who — found it, stuck a first-class stamp on the ball and dropped it without envelope or address into a nearly pillar box. Shortly after, the postman delivered the ball to Conrad at his home in Denham. "I thought it was hysterical," says Courad. "It shows we're efficient," says John Woodford, manager of the letter's delivery office at nearby Uxbridge.

exotic location from which ministers were forced to return early for yesterday's cabinet meeting. Across the Channel their French counterparts seem to enjoy far more sophisticated holiday locations. True, Michael Heseltine has been in Fiji and Michael Portillo in Barbados. But the most favoured destinations among French ministers are Kenya, Polynesia, Tunisia and what used to be the Soviet Union. Jacques Chirac is on an island close to Madagascar, while one French minister has decided to escape all talk of the referendum in

Tuscany was probably the most

Leek back in anger

Greenland.

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THEY are not keeping much of a welcome in the hillsides these days for Dafydd Elis Thomas, one time darling of Plaid Cymru conferences. Due to take his seat in the Lords in November, Lord Elis Thomas will face angry nationalist calls in October for his resignation for accepting an honour from "a foreign government".

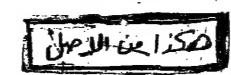
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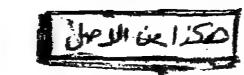
Dafydd Wigley, the party's president, will not escape criticism either. Having been John Major's pair since 1979, he was the only non-Tory MP to be invited to the party celebrating Major's leadership victory and was consulted by Downing Street about his collegeration process.

league's peerage.

But Wigley has clearly learnt something from the Conservative party. He and other Plaid leaders are desperately trying to keep the critical motions off the apenda

◆ And which celebrity pushes Sylvester Stallone and the Duke of York into second and third places in a survey in next month's Cosmopolitan among 714 female students on who they would most like to sleep with? Woody Allen.







BALKAN REALITY

To prove that his government is "doing something", John Major has offered to send up to 1,800 ground troops to help protect United Nations aid convoys in Bosnia. And as president of the European Community, he is to chair the opening of the London conference on former Yugoslavia next week. Britain has spent much time and energy calling together all those who could influence events in the Balkans. But the conference threatens to become an expensive fiasco.

The threat lies not in the boycotts, the bickering and the bluffing, but in the fact that the conference is based on a premise that has been overtaken by events. The premise is that hostilities can be ended by negotiation between equal parties, that compro-mise can be enforced by economic or even military sanctions and that Bosnia can somehow be returned to the status quo ante. The fact on the ground is that Serbia has, as the United Nations now finally admits, all but won. It has created a wilderness and called it peace. The houses are destroyed, the Muslim population is "cleansed" and the Serbian fighters control 74 per cent of Bosnia.

As Dr Radovan Karadzic, the leader of the Bosnian Serbs, points out in a letter on this page, neither Britain nor the EC has any Balkan policy. Most of Europe's foreign ministries, he says, seem to work on a combined policy of day-to-day improvisation and window dressing. All the effort to fashion a United Nations resolution on the possible use of force to bring aid to the besieged in Sarajevo and Gorazde missed the point however well-fed the inhabitants, the Serbs will bombard them until these towns fall. Any militarily enforced corridor will be

subject to eternal guerrilla harassment. Over the past week even UN officials have admitted that a diplomatic solution is now out of the question. More than 1.3 million of Bosnia's 1.6 million Muslims have been forced outside their country's borders. The Serbs are now crudely blackmailing the UN high commissioner for refugees with the ultimatum: either accept thousands more who "voluntarily" leave or force them to stay behind and watch them be slaughtered.

Two questions arise from the smoke of this grotesque but nearly complete triumph for Serbian aggression, questions that must be the basis of the London conference. First, what should be done about the refugees? Second, assuming the outside world deplores this creation of Greater Serbia, how does it propose to react to the Serbs' conquests? Douglas Hogg pounding the table in front of Slobodan Milosevic and declaring that Serbian actions were "intolerable" was, as Dr Karadzic points out, merely ridiculous. Yet the West has set its face against military intervention. No Western government will commit troops to push the Serbs back behind Bosnia's frontier. Not are the Serbs going to withdraw.

Should the hapless Muslim refugees therefore be found new homes? They may become like Palestinians. There are parallels in the wish to keep them in camps near their homes as a way of keeping up pressure on the new occupiers. If the world condemned such exploitation of Palestinians, should it not now open its borders and offer them a new life straightaway? Otherwise, as Paddy Ashdown has warned, they will become, like Palestinians, the terrorists of tomorrow.

The realpolitik of such considerations is still too much for the West. It insists that economic sanctions should be redoubled. diplomatic pressure on Serbia stepped up, negotiation undertaken to restore the borders of Bosnia. The events of the past week have shown that these are pipedreams. Dr Karadzic, with the smug magnanimity of the victor, is now offering to take back Muslims into a Serbian Bosnian state. The Muslims and the West have little choice but to recognise the fact of war. Any conference in London, Brussels or New York - that does. not do so will collapse into empty rhetoric and unenforceable resolutions. But the future will not be pleasant for Mr Milosevic's Serbia, the less so if he continues to massacre the citizens of Sarajevo. He bids to rank among the monsters of postwar European politics and his countrymen will remain pariahs as long as he and they gloat over their bloody triumphs.

THE VIRTUES OF BORROWING

The government is in danger of overspending its overdraft before the year is out. Only a third of the way through the financial year, the public sector borrowing requirement, at £11.3 billion, is almost double its level this time last year. City analysis expect the eventual figure to top £30 billion. Is this

cause for alarm? No. ause for alarm? No.
In a booming economy, such profigacy would be worrying. A high PSBR would increase inflationary pressure. A boom is a chance for governments to reduce or eliminate deficits by taking advantage of swollen tax revenues. In a recession taxreceipts fall while government spending on social security inevitably rises. The best way to cut the PSBR is to let the economy grow again. Trying to cut the deficit at a time of recession retards growth and is thus likely to be counterproductive.

What appears to matter to most British politicians is the size of the national debt in relation to national income or GDP though largely as some totem of financial rectitude. Britain's debt to GDP ratio of 35.4 per cent at the end of 1991 was the lowest among the Group of Seven countries and the lowest in Europe, apart from Luxembourg. The ratio of government debt interest to GDP is the second lowest in the G7, after Japan, Even if Britain ran a PSBR of £30 to £40 billion a year for the next five years. (inconceivable, short of an even deeper recession than now), it would still probably meet the debt to GDP limit of 60 per centagreed to at Maastricht, which Germany. and every other ERM member apart from

Luxembourg and France seem likely to fail. Because sterling is in the exchange-rate mechanism the Chancelior cannot use monetary policy to stimulate an economy which remains firmly in recession. With flexible exchange rates, cutting the PSBR. might lead to a cut in interest rates, which would assist recovery. But in the ERM interest rates are, in effect, set by the Bundesbank and fiscal puritanism does not bring any reward. Fiscal policy is the only alternative tool.

Sir Geoffrey Howe cut the PSBR in his famous 1981 Budget. But times were different then. Because the pound was floating, he could also cut interest rates by two points and allow a 20 per cent devaluation of the currency. The Treasury argues that a higher PSBR would undermine sterling. Yet the two strongest currencies in the past decade have been the dollar under Reaganomics and the mark after German unification, both economic policies involving huge public deficits. Janan at the last G7 meeting promised a fiscal stimulus of Y7 trillion, equivalent to 1.5 per cent of GDP or 29 billion extra on Britain's PSBR, in order to stimulate the economy and make the yen stronger. The Japanese make sure that their stimulus comes from one-off infrastructure construction and other temporary programmes.

In other words, there is no sense in making a shibboleth of the PSBR. The Treasury is right to want to restrict the long-term growth of public spending. It should try to cut back those items of spending that will continue to grow even when the economy recovers - for instance, public-sector wages and universal social benefits - since these lie at the root of public-sector inflation. But it should encourage one-off public investment programmes.

This means that familiar list of recovery measures: constructing railways and repairing houses, hospitals and schools while the private sector is depressed and construction contract prices are at rock-bottom. If the Crossrail or Channel Tunnel link are built in the next five years, while the economy is still depressed, they will not have to be built five years later when inflation may again be a problem. That is the way both to help the economy and control public spending at the

OFF WITH THEIR WIGS

Just as the 20th century is drawing to a close, the legal profession is considering joining it. Until recently, the process of law as immortalised by Charles Dickens in Bleak House had barely changed from then to now. Barristers and judges, resplendent in wigs and gowns, tended to be crusty creatures, unwilling to countenance miscarriages of justice in case they brought the law into disrepute and incapable of imagining any reform to their demonstrably perfect profession.

Now, with the appointment of a new Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor, a reputed man of the people, and a new Master of the Rolls. Lord Justice Bingham, who backed the government's ill-fated reform of the profession, a chink of modernity has appeared. Not only have the most famous victims of judicial miscarriage been released, a royal commission is sitting to help avert such miscarriages in future. Today the Lord Chancellor's department publishes a consultation document on discarding the wig. a less important matter than wrongful imprisonment of the innocent but a symbol nonetheless that the practice of the law need not be preserved as a Victorian relic.

Wigs came in at the end of the 17th century, when Charles II returned from exile in France sporting the fashionable perruque. Courtiers, politicians, bishops stopped wearing them over the next century and a half, but lawyers are still attached to theirs in 1992. The fact that they are at least contemplating relief from the itchy horsehair shows that reformers, instead of being marginalised as dangerous radicals, now have some influence in the profession.

In the old days, not so long ago, barristers who called for a British bill of rights were thought to be a little unsound of mind. Now the new Master of the Rolls himself argues vehemently for incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into

The Bar has a long way to go. Only recently did the Bar Council suggest that female barristers who had babies should be allowed to return to their chambers afterwards, and only then because it feared chambers might otherwise risk breaking the law. The Inns of Court remain unreformed, despite being run by unelected benchers who are chosen according to a system "which would have raised an eyebrow even in Renaissance Italy", in the words of Lord Williams, chairman of the Bar Council.

Lord Justice Bingham recognises that there is "a large body of responsible, middle-of-the-road opinion that regards the legal profession as riddled with anachronistic conventions and privileges". The reforms proposed three years ago by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, fell on story ground, largely through the opposition of senior members of his profession. He all but abandoned them. Now he has a Lord Chief Justice and a Master of the Rolls on his side and a wind of change blowing through the Ban Lord Mackay should now seize the opportunity to rekindle his reformist zeal across the whole spectrum of the law. He should start with the wigs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The leader of Bosnia's Serbs states his case before London conference

From Dr Radovan Karadzic

Sir. May 1, as leader of the Bosnian Serbs, inform your readers of the spirit and aspirations with which I shall attend the peace conference opening in London on August 26.

The atmosphere of EC peace conferences, usually held in a phish, peaceful western hotel, can blind us to the fact that we are trying to address prejudices as old as the Balkans, that we are attempting to bring peace to a region washed by centuries of spilled blood. Occasionally the question of intervention, though impractical (as Lord Merlyn-Rees points out in his letter of August 18), crops up and interferes with the normal negotiating process.

The three leaders of Bosnia and Herzegovina — Alijah Izetbegovic of the Muslims, Mare Boban of the Croats and myself - are the unfortunate inheritors of our people's past. To ignore that is to miss the only opportunity to bring peace, and peace will not come through military intervention. Each of us understands the limitations and abilities of the others and the fact that bringing diverse and disparate groups under control is not easy; in the case of Mr Izetbegovic, it is probably impos-

We are now faced with a London conference on the brink of failure. It will not fail because I lack the desire

for it to succeed but because the conference agenda is flawed.

Douglas Hogg, who conceals his sophistication with skill, has become confused. As British foreign minister he thumps the table at the Croats for getting away with annexation, the Bosnian Serbs for aggression and lies and the Bosnian Muslims for refusing to negotiate. His thumping is done with great panache but is misses the point that all respon-

As the ministerial pounding falls on deaf ears, it is worth reminding ourselves that the EC's mandate as mediator was granted by the warring factions themselves. The EC peace process therefore represents the goodwill of the parties involved and not just the interests of the great powers — in short, none of us is on

One of the problems is that neither Britain nor the EC, now under Britain's presidency, has any Balkan policy. Bland statements of principle have ignored the fact that most of Europe's foreign ministries seem to work on a combined policy of day-today improvisation and window

The Balkans is the last place on earth in which to try to prove that the EC is sophisticated enough to become a second global superpower, or that it can formulate a coherent foreign policy in an area that has broken all who have gone before. The differing historical interests of so many member states are bound to be an additional source of strain. The London talks can be saved, provided that the EC foreign ministers take a

long, hard look at their policies.

The role in this process of Slobodan Milosevic, president of Serbia, is non-existent, and to pursue his attendance in London as though it were a critical factor is mistaken. Claims that he is involved in the dayto-day, or even the long-term, situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina are

pure fantasy.
Ignoring the fact that the position of Serbia and Montenegro is now represented by the "new Yugoslavia"

hardly appropriate when he takes on sibility for foreign policy has been the mande of EC negotiator.

sibility for foreign policy has been removed from Milosevic. He no longer has the authority to attend international talks; he only had it temporarily, due to last year's collapse of the federal system. For Britain to push this point is to invite certain disappointment, which I am

as keen to avoid as anybody.

Refusal to formally invite the new Yugoslav president. Dobrica Cosic. and the prime minister, Milan Panic, would be churlish. It is they want to appropriate the prime that in the real world, who have the power and ability to represent Serbia and Montenegro on the international

Any retort by the Foreign Office that to invite Yugoslavia, which they "do not recognise", would legitimise their status, ignores the fact that the British, French, Germans, Italians, Greeks, Spanish, Portuguese and others all have functioning embassies in Belgrade, with reciprocal arrangements and fully accredited diplomats. If the EC cannot bring itself to invite the parties who have real relevance to this dispute, then the EC is unlikely to be of any help.

This may then be the right moment to give the UN a chance to reassert itself as the global forum. acting in the interest of the new world order. It is a forum that is happily free of the constraints of historical territorial interest and free of mistrust, and it represents all the main religions engaged in this dispute. The Islamic powers would be happier with such a forum, and Dr Boutros Ghali would no longer have to concern himself with the dangers of one body acting in a way that the UN could not support. Time is running out. We must

Embryology Act 1990 or the Surr-

ogacy Act 1988, as well as the offence

of possessing indecent photographs of a child (Criminal Justice Act 1988,

section 160(1)) or, in a different field,

the failure of a company or its officers

to notify a recognised stock exchange of the acquisition of shares in the

company by a director (Companies Act 1985, section 329(3)). There are bound to be instances

where members of the public feel

that an inability or unwillingness on

the part of the police to initiate

prosecutions is getting in the way of natural justice. The more we restrict

private prosecutions, the more

motive there will be for people to take

the law into their own hands. Such

action may well receive much sympathy from the public.

All of us should be aware of the extent to which the basic right of the

private citizen to initiate proceedings

has already been whittled down. We

should not allow the process to

continue unchecked without public

ROBERTSON of OAKRIDGE.

Yours faithfully.

House of Lords.

August 14.

commit ourselves to finding a way of stopping this dreadful war in which no party is innocent. To try to convince ourselves that one side is wrong and the others are right does not square with the reality of this inter-religious conflict.

None of us fought this war to lose, and clearly the Croats and Bosnian Serbs have been more successful in the military sense. However, I do not wish to see total victory: I want to see a settlement with which we can all live. Almost the only pre-condition is that this will not be in a unitary state. Everything else is open to discussion, including the question of territory.

Serbia has no control over a square inch of Bosnian land and no power to offer me advice. I have already accepted the principle that occupied land will be returned, once this conflict is over. What we hold for strategic and security purposes is not what we will hold after the settlemumi.

In addition, I entirely accept the principle that all refugees, of whatever religion, must be allowed to return to their home as soon as they wish and that all those who have signed away property under duress must be entitled to have it returned in full.

We can only make this happen if we talk. We shall only be able to talk if artificial barriers are lifted, if Mr Izerbegovic ends his boycott of negotiations in the hope of intervention. and if all of us are treated as Bosnians, with an equal right to a say in our homeland. Yours faithfully.

RADOVAN KARADZIC. Pale, Sarajevo, Bosnia. August 18.

Plastic wallets for driving licences

From Mr R. J. Verge

Sir. I can understand why Mrs E. P. Sir, I can understand why Mrs E. P.
Wetherall (letter, August 13) suggests that the decision no longer to
supply plastic wallets with full driving licences might be a case of
"penny wise, pound foolish". However I do not believe this to be the

Last year it cost the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency some £280,000 to issue plastic wallets with driving licences. Because they are a very difficult item to insert into envelopes by machine, they slowed our process of dispatching licences to the public. We also received a scream of complaints suggesting that, because it was difficult to fold driving licences to fit into the wallets, the public were discarding the wallets on

Since we put the issue on to a "by request" basis at the beginning of July, requests for wallets are running at about 5 per cent of the numbers formerly issued. This represents a saving of almost £200.000 a year after account is taken of our extra staff time, postage and stationery costs needed to meet individual

This will contribute directly towards keeping down the cost of driving licence fees in the future. In addition, because it has made the despatch of licences less complex, this change has reduced the time taken to return driving licences to the public by a day. We are keen to deliver this service quickly, as our customers expect.

Yours sincerely. R. J. VERGE (Head of Driving Licensing Division), Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre, Longview Road, Swansea. August 12.

Travel with children

From Mrs Heather Yovanoff Sir. The answer to Davina Lloyd's sir, The answer to Davine Ladyd's travel nightmare of journeys by air with children (Life & Times, August 18) is quite simply for her to dispatch the children as "unaccompanied minors". They will be wonderfully looked after the children's departure lounge at Heathrow Terminal 4 where I annually deposit my 10-year-old is festooned with free comics. books and soft drinks. Unaccompanied minors get special attention during flights, quite often receive a personal invitation to the cockpit and ilways receive a generous "goody

bag" to keep them occupied.

The children could be delivered to the airport by a friend, or husband if he could be prised away from his work: Davina Lloyd could leave on an earlier flight, enjoy a trauma-free journey, and would be there to meet the children upon their arrival at destination. Magic!

Yours faithfully, H. YOVANOFF. 11 Trueman Place, Oldbrook, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

Snuff and smoking From Commander J. R. Simpson,

RN (retd)

Sir, Dr Luffingham (letter, August 14) is quite right. Many years ago, snuff enabled me to give up smoking for good. Those who try it will find the habit so disgusting that they will have no difficulty in giving up snuff too in two or three months' time. Yours faithfully,

daytime telephone number. They

071-782 5046.

may be sent to a fax mu

J. R. SIMPSON. 56 Harbour Avenue Comberton, Cambridge. Letters to the editor should carry a

Restrictions on private prosecutions under the Human Fertilisation and

From Lord Robertson of Oakridge Sir, Tom Welsh, writing on the recent restrictions on the work of journalists ("Silence of the helpless", Law Times, August 4), drew attention to the trend for us to lose our freedoms "casually and by default".

Another freedom which we are in danger of losing in the same way is the right of private citizens to bring

private prosecutions.
In response to a question that I put to the government, the Lord Chancellor, in a written answer on December 18, 1991, listed 93 current public general Acts, five statutory instruments, and seven local and private Acts which contain one or more offences requiring the con-sent of the Director of Public

Prosecutions denote proceedings can

be instituted. Of these 52, virtually

half, have become law since 1980. It is hard to make out what criteria are used for deciding whether to require the DPP's consent. One understands the need for it where sensitive issues of public policy are involved, such as national security or relations with other countries.

It is less easy to understand why the DPP's consent is required in respect of, for example, all offences

Unemployment action From the General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress

Sir, You quote (Business report, August 14) Mrs Shephard, the employment secretary, as saying that unemployment "... is likely to be one of the last economic indicators to turn round".

The problem in Britain now is that because individuals have a quite rational fear of becoming unemployed, confidence is under-mined, thus holding back spending and lengthening the recession itself. Unemployment is, therefore, not only the result of the recession, it is the cause of its continuation.

That is why government action is needed to break into this truly victous circle. Action on training and shortterm employment schemes is clearly the best way to match the seriousness of the unemployment crisis. This could not be seen as unfairly operating on a competitive basis, as the OECD's estimate shows Britain ranking ninth out of 12 EC countries on training, temporary work programmes and job subsidies.

NORMAN WILLIS, General Secretary, TUC, Congress House, Great Russell Street, WC1.

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Statutory sick pay

From Mr James Mattison Sir. Your report, "Workers take more sick days" (August 13), assumes that most people who stay away from work and claim statutory sick pay (SSP) are in fact unwell.

My experience, in my small manufacturing company employing about 50 people, is that there has been a steady increase in "sickness" since self-certification. The problem is made easier for the "sick" worker because he does not have to visit the benefit office to collect statutory sick

His employer now has to pay SSP to him every pay day so long as his certificate lasts (up to 26 weeks), and can claim back only 90 per cent. Yours faithfully.

JAMES MATTISON. Belvedere House, Belvedere Road. Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex. August 13.

Public service quality

From Mr George Binney

Sir. Councillor Irving (letter, August 12) condemns the government for standing in the way of local authorities insisting on B\$5750 certification for their supplies and thereby perpetuates the illusion that BS5750 simply a guarantee that set procedures are established and documented - equals quality.

The study my company has just completed of the implementation of total quality shows that BS5750 and ISO9000 (its international equivalent) are the wrong places to start continuously improving quality. The standards represent the bureaucracy of quality and do not guarantee that

Order of priority

From Mr Robert Jones Sir, It was with great interest that I read your report (August 13) concerning the impressive mural

being constructed at Arsenal's Highbury football ground, particularly the details concerning the amplifiers which will mimic the cheering of hundreds of supporters. and lift the spirits of players and supporters alike. This achievement will bring little

comfort to the totally deaf citizens mentioned by Lord Ashley of Stoke (letter, same day), or temper his unfortunate news that the hearing research project at Keele University is in imminent danger of collapse for want of £150,000; precisely the sum that will keep the Highbury crowd cheering.

Yours faithfully. ROBERT JONES. 9 Llwyd Coed, Rhiwbina, Cardiff. August 13.

quality goods and services are produced.

As one US manager put it to us: When the Japanese have a quality problem, they go solve it; when the British have a quality problem, they

write a procedure." In practice, high-quality goods and services are delivered by those organisations in which top managers understand and have a gut commitment to quality. That means much more than obtaining a certifi-

Yours faithfully, GEORGE BINNEY. Ashridge Consulting Group. Ashridge Management College, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire. August 13.

Housing fit for frail elderly

From Mr Lucas Mellinger

Sir. With some experience in designing homes for the frail elderly. I would strongly challenge the concept promoted by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation ("Growing old grace-fully, together", Life & Times, August 5) whose director describes as "ludicrous" the assumption that everyone remains fit for life and therefore concludes that building regulations should coerce house-builders, regardless of cost, to cater as a norm for the 9 per cent of the population

with mobility impairment.
You, Sir, do not print The Times in excessively large letters, although a higher proportion of your readers has defective eyesight: they obtain

glasses according to their need. Moving house is not "a mania of the 1980s" as your report describes it. The mobility of the population, just as the mobility of the individual, is an indicator of health: socioeconomic or personal. It is neither possible nor desirable to enhance one

mobility at the expense of the other. Research is needed, not into how, collectively, to accommodate disabilities, but how, individually, to over-come such disabilities: not how collectively to grow old, but how individually to mature: gracefully. This is not a gift of architects or builders.

Yours faithfully, LUCAS MELLINGER, 4 Kew Green, Richmond, Surrey.

School exam results

From the Principal of Concord College, Shrewsbury

Sir, It is disappointing that public examination results this year will be published a week later than is usual. A-level results will not be at schools until August 20 and the GCSE results will arrive on August 27.

I have always felt that results should be produced in much less time than it takes. This year the examinations started earlier, so late publication would seem to be unnecessary, especially in view of the high course-work content in GCSE and the widespread use of multiple

choice papers.

I know that the universities receive the results a little in advance of schools but we face the rushed task of informing students and finalising classes before the new school year commences in early September.

Yours sincerely. A. L. MORRIS. Principal. Concord College. Acton Burnell Hall, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. August 18.

Weather watcher

From Mr F. B. Roberts Sir. For the past 12 months I have recorded the weather in these parts according to my use of an umbrelia on walking to the office each week-

day morning. Of 243 days, 140 (57.6 per cent) were dry days, allowing me to leave my brolly at home; 70 (28.8 per cent) were days when it was dry while I walked but it had seemed prudent to take the precaution; and 33 (13.6 per cent) were days when it was raining.

There were eight weeks when all five days were umbrella-less; and there was never a week when there were more than two days of rain (or snow) at the time I walked.

The daily decision was based on the BBC television weather forecast. tempered by noting the rise or fall of my barometer at home.

Yours faithfully. F. B. ROBERTS, 22b High Street. Witney, Oxfordshire.

Anger at

bird

killings

By KERRY GILL LANDOWNERS, who yester-

day admitted that a minority of their members persisted in

illegally poisoning and shoot-ing birds of prey on their estates, condemned the prac-

tice in a joint statement issued by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

The Scottish Landowners

Federation said the killing of

species such as the peregrine falcon and golden eagle tar-nished the image of responsi-ble landowners despite efforts

encouraging estate owners and gamekeepers to obey the law. The RSPB said that

exceptional. That enlightened

approach is undoubtedly helping the simation but we are

not being naive. We are win-

ning the battle but we know

that illegal killing still goes

been trying to get it recognised

that not everyone is doing this and it is very helpful that the

RSPB are saying that." Mr Praser added: "It is a bit like

drink driving. It is not a thing

convicted. You would not want

your friends to know about it

and I think that applies now to

illegal, poisoning and

shooting."
The issue had widespread.

publicity in 1989 when the

head keeper on a sporting

estate in Aberdeenshire was

fined £2,500 for laying poison

baits and setting illegal traps.

Since then, however, there

have been many other in-

stances of poisoning on a

Quantock protest

Residents of a Somerset vil-

lage are fighting National

Trust plans to fence in a beau-

ty spot. The trust have applied

to fence a section of the

Quantock Hills near Holford

lesser scale.



COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE August 18: Mrs Robert de Pass has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady-in-Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE August 18: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning visited the Heriot-Watt Centre and Oil Terminal at Flotta, Orkney. Ruth. Lady Fermoy and

Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

Latest wills

Sir John Starr Paget, Bt, of Taunton, Somerset, left estate valued at £598,550 net. Unity Tanzier Hall, of Canonbury, north London, journalist, left estate valued at £709,506 net.

Thomasina Ethel Morgan, of St Anthonys, Newcastle upon Tyne, left estate valued at £310,964 net. She left £8,000 to Dr Barnardo's and the residue equally between the Northern Counties Horse Protection Society. Eighton Banks, Gateshead, the Donkey Sanctuary at Sidmouth. and Redwings Horse Sanctuary, Frettenham, Norfolk.

Service dinner

Powys Battalion Army Cadet

Force The Lord Lieutenant of Powys, the High Sheriff of Powys, the Chairman of the TAVRA for Wales and Brigadier W.A. Mackereth were among the guests at annual dinner of the Officers of the Powys Battalion Army Cadet Force held last night at Strensall Training Camp, York. P.Coldough presided. Major

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Edward and Eleanor.

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DEATHS

pescefully in her steep, Dr. K.M. (Güty) sped 94. She was much joved by her sister and brother-in-law Janet and Brian Cross, nephew and nieces Andrew, Hillary and Kate and her friend and medical partner Jean Mitchel. Funeral Service at Poole Crematorium on Monday August 29th at noon. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the 1857CC.

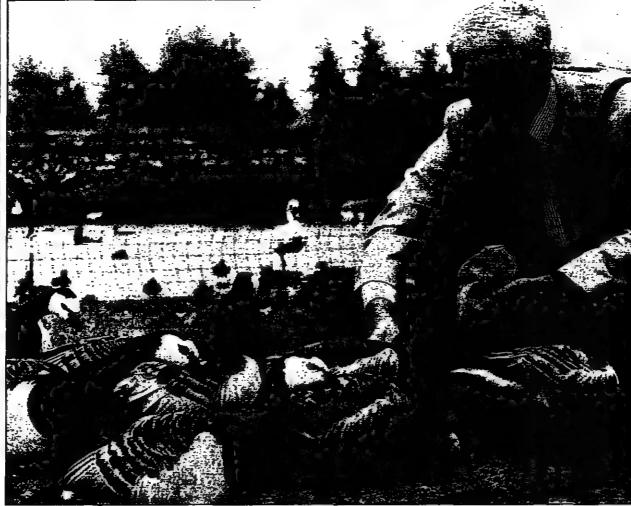
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Birthdays today

Professor Quentin Bell, art historian, 82: Commandant Daphne Blundell, former di-rector, WRNS, 76: Mr Gor-don Brand, Jr. golfer, 34: Lord Cocks of Hartcliffe, 63; Mr K.H.M. Dixon, former chairman, Rowntree, 63; Mr C.J. Driver, master, Welling-ton College, 53; Lady Dunbar of Hempriggs, 86; the Right Rev Dr Gerald Ellison, former Bishop of London, 82; Lord Ennals, 70; Dame Rose Heilbron, former High Court judge, 78; Mr E.R. Heward, former Chief Master of the Supreme Court, 80; Mr Richard Ingrams, former editor, Private Eye, 55; Mr David Lodge, actor, 71; Mr Michael Roper, former Keeper of Public Records, 60; Mr Willie Shoemaker, jockey, 61; Mrs Phyllida Stewart-Roberts. superintendent-in-chief. St John Ambulance Brigade, 59; Mr G.W. von Mallinckrodt, executive Schroders, 62: Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir James Watt. 78.

University news

Lecturers: Emma J. Clery (English January 1: Kevin Hetherington (sociology): Diana Holmes (French): Michael D. Ironside (industrial relations). from January 1; Richard H Jones (inorganic chemistry); lan S. Loader (criminology); Jonathan R. Lunn (International history); R. Mark Ormerod (physical chemistry); Ian P. Rumfitt (philosophy); Thomas S. Scharf (German); Graeme P. Small (medieval history); Carole R.



Dr Myrfyn Owen, the new director-general of the Wildlife and Wetlands Trust at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, feeding some of his charges. The charity was started by Sir Peter Scott in 1946

Woodland survey

Growing despair over future of forestry

By JOHN YOUNG

ALMOST three quarters of woodland owners in Britain have lost confidence in the future of forestry, a new survey shows. More than three out of five regard the government's new woodland grant scheme as disappointing or irrelevant. Descriptions of government

policy over the past 20 years

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were overwhelmingly nega-tive, with vacillating being the most common description. The survey was carried out jointly by Timber Growers United Kingdom, which represents private growers, and Bidwells, the chartered surveyors. A total of 341 forest

owners replied to the questionnaire. Peter Wilson, technical director of TGUK, said the main impression was of the desperate need for a framework of consistent government policy that took into account the time scale of growing trees, whether conifer or broad leaved.

Only 13 per cent believed that grants would maintain their value in real terms, and there were also criticisms that grants were too restrictive and

Confirmation of the survey was provided by the latest planting figures, Mr Wilson said. New commercial planting had fallen from more than 25,000 hectares in 1989 to fewer than 10,000 hectares in

procedures too complicated.

A separate survey shows that grey squirrels are increasing their range.

Architecture

£3m grant for

By Marcus Binney

Castletown, the largest of the great Irish Palladian houses, was built for William Conolly, Speaker of the Irish House of Commons. From modest beginnings Conolly amassed a vast fortune, largely through the sale of seques-tered land after the Battle of

Designed in the reserved manner of the great Roman palazzo, Castletown has been shown to be the work of the papal architect, Alessandro Galilei, who came to England in 1716 and visited Ireland three years later. Castletown remained in the hands of the Conolly-Carew family until 1965 when all the contents were sold and the house was acquired by a speculator who obtained permission to build a

two years later the Hon Des-

quarters for the Irish Georgian Society he had estab-lished nine years before, and allowed the planning permission to lapse. By tireless fund-raising, Castletown has been slowly repaired and refur- you would be very proud of if nished and was vested in a

The Irish Government's intervention is being held as a potential turning point in the fortunes of country houses in the republic. Though Ireland has, or had, an estimated 2,000 "country seats", proportionately at least equal to England, there has been little help for private owners and no equivalent of the National Trust to take over and open

country houses to the public. A change of heart is evidently borne from the recognition of the importance of country houses to tourism, and the Irish Government hopes to recoup much of the expenditure from the European Regional Development Fund.

chairman of the Castletown Foundation, added: This is the right decision because we just have not the resources to continue maintaining and repairing this great house."

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.C. Baldwin and Miss A.R.C. Tregent

and Miss A.R.C. Tregan The engagement is amnounced between Alan, son of Group Cap-rain and Mrs P.H. Baldwin, of Willersey, Gloucestershire, and Rachel, youngest daughter of Mr G.H.B. Tregear and the late Mrs Tregear, of East Marden, Susser.

Mr S.W.S. Barnes and Miss C.A. Butler The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of the between Simon, eroer son of the lane Sir John Barnes and of Lady Barnes, of Hampton Lodge, Hurspierpoint, Sussex, and Caroline, elder daughter of Sir Michael and Lady Butler, of The Old Rectory. Almer. Blandford Rectory, Almer, Blandford.

Mr R. Fawcett and Miss F.M. Westwater
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mis George Faweet, of Keymer, West Sussex, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Max Westwater, of Bath and Mrs Max Westwater, of Bath and Mrs Max Westwater, of and Miss F.M. Westwater Bath and Hong Kong.

although only a minority of landowners, were involved in and Miss C. Hawkes
The engagement is announced between Colin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Frederick Jones, of Burgess Hill. West Susser, and Claire, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Garry Hawkes, of Haywards Heath, West Susser. the practice, the problem remained widespread. According to the society's records, a total of 27 birds of prey have been found killed in the Scottish countryside so far this year, including a hen harrier trampled underfoot Mr M.J.L. King and Miss K.M. Dumbrell and a bozzard caught in an

Mr C.K. Jones

The engagement is amounced between Matthew, younger son of Mr and Mrs John King, of Reigste, and Katharine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Dumbrell, of Shepperton. illegal pole trap.

The statement followed a meeting between Ken Shaw, the RSPB's regional officer for East Scotland, and Andrew Dingwall-Fordyce, the SLF: chairman Grampian regional Mr R.C. Le Brus and Miss K.L. Roberts
The engagement is announced by
Mr and Mrs Ivan Brouard, of chairman. It is the first time the two organisations have publicly pledged to work to-Castel, Guernsey, between Richard Le Brun and Karen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Pauf Roberts, of Ascot, Berkshire. gether to stamp out the persecution of legally-protected bird species. Mr Shaw said: "Un-fortunately it is still the case

Mr S.R. Marchant that birds of prey are being and Miss M.E. Ridsdill Smith persecuted, buzzard trees are The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and being chopped down and Mrs Richard Marchant, of Wanisfield, Soffolk, and Mary, daughter of Mr Marcus Ridsdill Smith and the late Mrs Caircen Ridsdill Smith, of Radwinter, birds are being shot. It is the minority, but it is still widespread and it is still unacceptable." He said: "It is up to the

landowner to create an atmo-Mr B.J. Stanford and Mrs F. Bastick sphere where that sort of behaviour is very obviously not The engagement is announced between Mr Barry Stanford, of accepted. That is now happening on many estates and we Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, and Mrs Fianne Bastick, of Kensingare pleased to see many gamekeepers recently arrived in Scotland whose knowledge of the environment generally is

Mr R.D. Vers and Miss N.J. Watkinson

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Vernon, of Edgbasion, Birmingham, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs David

Simon Fraser, director of the SLF, said: "It is a matter of long-term education. We have **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: James Criciton, the "Admirable Crichau", arhiete, scholar, poet and linguist, Slicock, Dumfriesshire, 1560; Gerbrand van den Eeckhout, Amsterdam, 1621; John Dryden, Poet Laureate 1670-89, Northampton, 1631; John Flamstead, Ist Astronomer Royal 1675-1719, Denby, Derbyshire, 1646; John Brand, antiquary and topog-rapher, Washington, Co Durham, 1744; James Hall, historian and poet, Philadelphia, 1793; James Nasmyth, inventor of the steam hammer, Edinburgh, 1808; Charles Doughty, traveller in Arabia, Leiston, Suffolk, 1843; Orville Wright, pioneer of aviation, Dayton, Ohio, 1871; Georges Enesco, additional and comments of the violinist and composer, Liveni, Romania, 1881; Gabrielle (Coco) Chanel, fashion designer, Issoire, France, 1883; Sir Arthur Waley, orientalist, London, 1889; Ogden Nash, writer of humorous verse, Rye. New York, 1902.

DEATHS: Augustus, Roman emperor 27BC-AD14, Nois, near Naples, AD14: Blaise Pascal, philosopher, Paris, 1662; Robert Bloomfield, poet, Shefford, Bedfordshire, 1823; Sir Martin Arrher Shee, President of the Royal Academy 1830-45, Brighton, 1850; Charles Gerhardt, ton, 1850; Charles Gerhardt, chemist, Strasbourg, 1856; George Smith, archaeologist, Aleppo, Syria, 1876; Richard Burdon Haldane, 1st Viscount Haldane, creator of the Territorial Army, Cloan, Tayside, 1928; Sergei Diaghilev, impresario, Ven-ice, 1929; Sir Henry Wood, conductor of the Promenade concerts 1895-1944, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, 1944.

Irish mansion

THE Irish Government is to acquire Castletown House, near Dublin, and spent £3 million on repairing it and developing it as a showpiece. Though no official announcement has been made, Irish newspapers have reported the takeover will take place on January 1, 1994.

the Boyne.

large number of houses beside the great lime avenue and the River Liffey.

Demolition loomed until

mond Guinness bravely bought the house as the head-

foundation in 1979.

Mr Guinness said: "I am thrilled at the news. When the house and contents were originally sold there was not a squeak of concern from the Government."

to stop the invasion of scrub. The intention is to encourage commoners to exercise their traditional grazing rights on the heathland in Professor Kevin Nolan, order to keep down the uncontrolled growth of scrub.

But villagers say the fence would restrict public access to the hills. They are demanding a public enquiry.

Suffolk sale

'Oliver Twist' workhouse on the market

By JOHN SHAW

Twist.

THE grim workhouse where sus of 1821.

Oliver Twist is reputed to have asked for more has gone on the market for between £300,000 and £500,000.

The former parish work-house at Lothingland, near Lowestoft, Suffolk, is being sold as a property with potential for redevelopment, said Andrew Liddon, a partner in Aldreds estate agents, of Lowestoft. It is currently a home for the

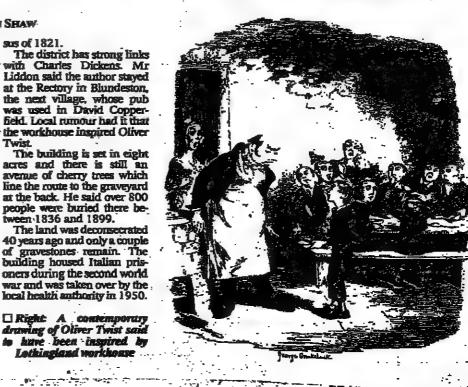
mentally handicapped but the residents will be rehoused in modern bungalows on the edge of the site shortly and the rambling old building will become redundant. The local authority has said the area could be redeveloped for special needs housing.

It was built as the Common House of Industry for £3,000 in 1765, the Victorians enlarged it to accommodate more paupers and it had 233 to have been inspired by Lothingland workhouse... It was built as the Oulton

The district has strong links with Charles Dickens. Mr Liddon said the author stayed at the Rectory in Blundeston, the next village, whose pub-was used in David Copper-

The building is set in eight acres and there is still an avenue of cherry trees which line the route to the graveyard at the back. He said over 800 people were buried there be-tween 1836 and 1899.

The land was deconsecrated 40 years ago and only a couple of gravestones remain. The building housed Italian prisoners during the second world war and was taken over by the



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1992. Ronald Robb of Carthest. A kind and loven husband and father who will be greatly missed. Funeral Hondroy August 24th at 11.30 am at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium. Worth. No Bowers please, but donellons if desired to Firth Ward Fund c/o J.R. Maithews, Talbot House, High Street, Cuckileld, tel: (0444) 441.515.

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It daughter. Cordelia

Gwynedd Elisabeth.

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Soubia (nee Travers) and

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Portes of Olivia.

SALISBURY On August 13th

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to Evelya and Prilip. a daughter. Hampah Louise.

STITE On August 12th

1992. to Jacqueline Onde

Sarchard and David. and

Alexander. Anne (née Downs), formerly Head of Wycombe High School 1945-61. peacefully in her sleep aged 91 years. A Meeting for Worship will be held at the Friends Meeting House. Hartshill. Numsatou, at 11.45 am August 24th.

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COE - On August 18th.
psacafully at home. Kathleen
Eleanor (née Grant). Widow
of John, much loved mother
of Eleanor. Shirley and
Peter. Funeral Service at All
Saints. Cilifon. on Monday
August 24th at 12 mom.
followed by cremation at
Canford. Family flowers
only please, but donations to
St Peter's Hospice. Bristos.

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BIAMCO - On August 14th.

suddenly at The Cromwell

Hospital, London. Elleen

Mary Bianco, beloved wife of

the late Lioned Blanco,

dearest mother of Valerie

and David, and grandmother

of Justine. Mirelle. Nicholass

and Simon. Funeral at Si.

James Crurch, Popes Grove.

Twickenham, at 2.45 pm on

Thursday August 20th,

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Crematorium, Hanworth.

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Church Street. Twickenham

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Either.

Crematorium, Risby, Bury St Edmunds. Family flowers only. Dopations if desired to Medical Research Council. 20 Park Crescent, London WIN 4AL.

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BROOKS - On August 17th 1992, pencefully at home in Warninglid, West Sussex. Roy Brooks. Will be greatly missed by his family and thends. Funeral on Priday August 21st at 11.45 am at St George's Church, West Grinsfead, followed hyprivate crystallon. Donations for St George's Church or The Coldstream Guards Benevolent Fund may be sent c/o Freeman Brothers, 9 North Parade, Horsbarn, West Sussex.
Browner Fund may be sent c/o Freeman Brothers, 9 North Parade, Horsbarn, West Sussex.
BROWNLOW - On August 13th 1992, Alice Mand (Joan) in her 89th year, peacefully at St Julian's Nursing Wisg, The Ridgreay. Wimbledon. A much loved steler to Muriel Duppe-Miller and Kay Matthers, and the hale Ethel and Heary. Devoked and much loved sunt, great-sunt and friend to many. Alice has donated her body to the Licensed Teachers of Anatomy. University College London. A Service of Resemblance will be held it like the formation of the Edenty, 42 Eduty Street, SWIW OLZ. Enquiries to (071) 602-8569.

peacefully, Kathleen Joan, beloved wife of the late Jeffrey Builock, No flowers by request, cremation private. Service of Thankspiving at All Salama Church, Shelsiey, Beauchause, on August 24th Transisgiving at All Salm's Church, on Shelsley, Beauchamp, on August 24th at 3 am, Donestons if owined to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation or Marrier and District Care Fund c/o Harriston Clark & Demanuscy, Wercenter, WRI 23G.

HAWTHORN - On August 18th, peacefully in York, Reverend John Christopher and Ry, husband of the last Sasan Mary, before of Ruth, Christopher and Margaret, loving and much loved grandfather and great-grandfather. Finners on Friday August 21st at 12 noom at Upper Poppleton, York, Family Rowers only, husbands to Casantro Purish Church or CMS.

CLEMENTS - On August 18th 1992. Muriel of King's Norton. Birmingham. loved and loving wife of Eric and mother of Anne and David. Funeral S. Nicolas Church. King's Norton. on Friday August 21st at 1 pm. followed by cremation at Lodge Hill. No flowers please, donations to Sr Mary's Hossilve.

DEATHS CUTTELL - On August 15th. Reverend Capon Chin, aged 84 years, of Withsholt Court. Chellentum Son. Funceal BASSINGHAM - On August
18th 1952 Jew Dryllson
Shiel aged 96, of Bury St
Edmunds, Suffelis, Only
daughter of the late Dr. &
Mrs. George Woods, of
Killinghall, Harrogate. Dear
and believed wife of the late
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Edmunds, on Friday Angust 84 years, of witterhold Court, Chellenham Spa. Funeral Service at \$1 Mary's Church, Cheffen Kines, Cheftesham, at 2 pm Monday August, 24th. followed by crassation. No Revers, Douattors to Save the Children Fund sent t/o Museum and Stokes. 54 Howes, Road, Confermium, GLSZ 6AH.

BALL - Cm Angust 18th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

James Sourrock, aged 64
years, Private cremation.
EVARS - On August 17th.
Wintfred Mary, A.R.C.A.,
aged 91 years, pescentilly at
Ashbury Lodge Nursing
Hottet, Swindon, betweet
ainst of Serah, Bob and 9ue
and deer companion of
Freds. Funeral Monday,
Angust 24th, service at
kingsdown Crematorium,
Swindon at 2 pm. Douations
to the Artists' General
Senevolent Institution.
Buritagion House, Piccadilly,
London WIV COJ, or
flowers may be sent to the
Co-operative Funeral Service
tel: (0793) 554759.
SURLFORD - On August 18th.

est: (0793) 534789.

GURL-POED - On August 15th.
Vers. Countess of Guilford.
beloved wife of Edward,
loving mother of Press,
droughter of Oryth, Funeral
Service on Tuesday August
25th at St. Augustine's
Church. Northbourne at
2.30pm. Family Howers only
please, but donations if
destred to The Royal
Marsden Hospital or The
Pligtins
Canderbury.

GLIMPERT - On August 18th, peacefully in Claremont Hospital. Sheffield, in the loving care of the Sasters of Mercy and their aurses, Dr. Traugest Ernst Gumpert. Consultant Physician. Consultant Physician. Husband of the late Joan and Dalher of John. Robert, Joan and the late Gerbrude. Service at 8 John's Church, Rammonr, Sheffield. Monday August 24th at 2.15 pm and at Hutchiffe Wood Cremitorium at 3 pm. Doubtings payable to Hallam Community Physiotherapy Project may be sent to John Heath & Sons Funeral Obrectors, Sheffield.

HAIR - On August 15th.
Edmind Bartholomew Ross.
Understy in a car acidest
beloved meaband of Jean and
devoted son and father.
Puneral Service at Moreton
Hall Cremetorium.
Edinburgh, on Thursday
Angust 20th at 1.15 pm.
Mestorial Service at Standish Church, pear
Stonehouse, Glos., on Friday
August 28th at 2.30 pm.
Parally Bowers only,
Denahouse in his memory, if
desired, to Ward 13 Trust
Fund, Goucesteroline Royal
Hospital, Great Western
Road, Gloucester GL1 3NN.

LBES - Os August 16th.
peacefully at The Royal Free
Hospital, Anne Windfrid.
dear sister of George and
Rachel, Service at Golders
Green Crematorium on
Monday August 24th at
12.15 pm. No flowers, but
Friends of The Royal Free
Hospital C/O J.H. Kenyon. 9
Pend St., Hampstead, NW3.

OGDER - On August 15th, pencerully in hospital al Hastings, Marrie, of London and St. Leonards-on-Sea. Funeral Service at St. Leonards Parish Church 09. Thursday August 20th at 11.30 gm. followed by committed at Hastings

MEMORIAL SERVICES PEPYS - On Monday August
17th, Lady Mary Rachel
Pepys, D.C.V.O., peacetuily
in Sussen. Much loved
mother of Duncan and
Harriet. Funeral at The
Cathedral of Ou Lady and
Saint Philip Howard.
Arundel, on Wednesday
August 26th at 11.30 am.
Fantily (lowers only.)
Donallon mary be send to
The Mental Health
Franchistin & Hallen Street.

CASSON - A Theninger Service for the use of Penri Casson will be held Chance Old Church

IN MEMORIAM – WAR COUNTY - In provide and saving themory of Charles Lievellyn. Li. Cdr. RhVR, kitled in action Yellow Beach. Dieppe 19th August 1942, and all others who give their level during that Raid, Philip.

IN MEMORIAM -

PRIVATE

BROOKE - John. 10 years logether. lovingly remembered, on the Golden Analysessary of our marriage, 19th August 1742. Pam.

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PULLERS - On Angust 15th in hospital. Dorothy (Didy). Dearly loved mother of Christopher and Timothy. Widow of Malor H. Pullsine and eider daughter of the late Rev. C.A. Mangustan. Funeral Service at St. March Church. Dewsbury. West Yorkshire. on Friday August 21st at 2.30 pm. Furnilly flowers only please. Donations. If so desired, may be sent to Eric P. Box Funeral Directors. Strateging Bead. Devsbury. WF13 2EP for the benefit of the R.S.P.C.A.

SALVADORI - On August 6th. Max. Lt. Col. (Mon.). DSO, MC. (Massimo del Conti Selvadort-Pulcott), Prof. Em. Smith College, Northampton. MA. USA. H.M.S. CALPE - Hon H.M.S. CALPE - Hendquarters ship for the Raid on Dieppe. In memory of shipmanes: Thomas - Berry. Deans Brunton, Robert Davidson. John Nicholms. John Challwan. Frank: Skelley and Maurice Threader: as well as all those who paid the supreme sacrifice on 19th August 1942. Best elemning frant unto them. O'Lord.

TOWNSZIED - On August 120, peacefully for Tumbridge Wells, Mangaret. Headmistress of Refrord High School for Clris, 1953-1975. Funeral Service on Thursday August 20th at 2.30 pm at king Charles the Martyr Church, Tumbridge Wells, No flowers, douations to Save the Children Fund of Ondam.

WALTEST - On August 13th, after an imness borne with good humour and great courage, Maxwell Robert, devoted husband to Audrey and Genry loved by his children Michael. David and Diana and his brassured grandchildren. One of ities great characters who will be sadly ruissed. Funeral Service at 2.30 pm on Thursday August 20th at The Parist Church, Folloestone. Dovations for the Maxmillan Nurses may be sent to Hamilrook & Johns, I Dover Road, Folloestone.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

EATES - The funeral of Colin Edward and Nicholas Charles will take place at 2pm on Friday August 21st 1992 at St John's Church, Church Frond, Windlesham, Surrey. Following barial there will be a celeration of their Eves. No formal or mouraing dress and Damity Rowers only, Further details will be announced at the service.

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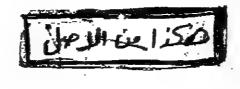
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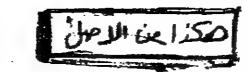
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LOXODROMIC (a) Tacking, oblique sailing, from the Greek lanes oblique + dromos a course: "A ship, as it were, straining at its moorings in a contrary current and arming for its simous and loxodromic voyage."





OBITUARIES

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MALCOLM **JOHNSON**

would assist them whenever it

Only two years after joining

the Yard's Press Bureau, John-

son became its head. The

bureau is expected in have

ready answers for the press

and replies often have to be

extracted from officers heavily

engaged in the very inquiry

that has prompted press inter-

est in the first place. No mean

diplomat, Johnson was usual-

ly able to satisfy both sides of

became Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police in 1972,

he decreed that instead of

telling the media as little as it

was possible to get away with,

police should instead withhold

only that which was absolutely

Johnson, as head of the

press bureau, was the cutting

edge of the new policy and his

personable approach, his in-

nate decency, and above all

Balcombe Street siege when,

aging. It was a trust that was

The present openness be-

tween Scotland Yard and the

media is acknowledged as one

of the finest examples of its

kind anywhere in the world.

Sir Robert Mark may have been the architect but Johnson

was undoubtedly one of the

After a gruelling seven years

in charge of the press bureau,

Johnson took over the news

group before becoming head

of news in 1979, responsible

for overseeing the output of

information to the nation's

newspapers and television sta-

tions. During this time, he

founded the National Confer-

ence of Police, Press and

Public Relations Officers, and

was its first chairman until

policy dictated that he be

replaced by a senior police officer, he remained vice-

tor of public affairs, made him

responsible for news of all

territorial operations in the

likeable man whose integrity and professionalism were re-

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He leaves a widow, Brenda

Johnson was an eminently

His last post, assistant direc-

chairman until his death.

Metropolitan Police.

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and one daughter.

master builders.

When Sir Robert Mark

his professional world.

was practicable to do so.

Malcoim Charles Johnson, an assistant director of public affairs at New Scotland Yard. died on August 8 in hospital at Haywards Heath aged 54. He was horn on November 11, 1937.

IN A distinguished career with the Metropolitan Police. one of Malcolm Johnson's most notable achievements was his part in setting up the national kidnap agreement.

The agreement — for a news blackout - was to keep the kidnappers from knowing that their crime had become public and to prevent the investigation from being hampered by journalists seeking immediate news of it, something which had happened during several cases, includ-ing that of Mrs Muriel Mc-Kay, wife of the News of the World's deputy chairman, and Lesley Whittle in

his professional and personal integrity, helped to secure confidence in the new policy. Staffordshire. At the start of his career. Johnson spent ten years on the Its greatest test came at the North Eastern Evening Gazette in Middlesborough until joining the Central Office of to the dismay of senior officers, Mark, frequently aided by Johnson, briefed the press Information in Manchester. In 1968, he came south to daily, often revealing more information than was thought Scotland Yard and began treading the delicate line bewise. But Mark put the press tween police and the media. on their honour not to reveal The former were his employanything that might be damers and the latter his taskmas-

Relationships between the



two can often be strained. Apart from the legal strictures. some police officers have always been reticent to give too : much information to the press and television. On the other hand, the purpose of the media is to keep the public informed. It was on this tightrope that Johnson stepped so ably, persuading the police, on the one hand, that the press were not their implacable enemies and convincing a sometimes scentical press, on the other, that police

James Elisworth Noland,

a US federal judge whose landmark decision in a

case involving Byzantine

mosaics taken from

Cyprus did much to clean

up the racket in stolen

antiquities, died on

August 12 in Indianapolis

aged 72. He was born in

LaGrange, Missouri, on

April 22, 1920.

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Indiana Iones movies about

the case that landed in front of

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JAMES NOLAND unfortunately for her the theft had already been discovered by the Cypros authorities in 1979 and reported to Byzantine scholars and museums. Cyprus sued for their return, and won, but James Noland's ruling, upheld on appeal, went much further. He laid down that the pretence of believing a cock-and-bull story on the part of the seller was no defence for the buyer of stolen antiquities. Nor would be accept a claim that a purchase-made in Switzerland, with its permissive laws on title rights,

James Noland's Indianapolis was automatically legal. Finalcourt in 1989. Four rare sixthly, he held that the statute of century mosaics, each about two-foot square, had been limitations could not be intaken from the ceiling of 2 voked just because a stolen art work had been hidden away Greek Orthodox church in for years.
The effect of Noland's deci-Lythrankomi, Cyprus, after the Turkish invasion of the sion was to send a clear warning to collectors and muisland in 1974. The mosaics found their way to Munich. seums that they had better make very careful checks and thence to Geneva, where an Indianapolis art dealer bought them for \$1.08 million about the provenance of artifacts offered for sale. It may from a Turkish importer. She not have stopped the pillage of was told, she claimed, that valuable antiquities, but it put they had been "found" in an a sizable dent in the trade. He "extinct" church by "an ar-chaeologist from Turkey aswas a Democratic congressman and was appointed to the signed to Northern Cyprus". federal bench by President The dealer shipped the mo-Lyndon Johnson in 1966. He saics to Indianapolis, then

The Very Rev J. H. S. Wild, Master of University College. Oxford, 1945-51, and Dean of Durham, 1951-73, died on August 15 at home aged 87. He was born on December 22,

1904. --JOHN Herbert Severn Wild was a striking example of an Oxford don who, without any special academic distinction, rose rapidly to the headship of a great society by the quiet competence with which he discharged his manifold coll-ege duties. A thorough and conscientious administrator. he played a no less useful role in the affairs of the Church, and his counsel was widely sought and valued. From beginning to end he identified piroself, as a churchman, with movements which aimed at

There have been Deans of Durham with greater academic distinction and more striking gifts of personal leadership. The period of Wild's tenure, however, demanded precisely those gifts of personal friendship and wise and careful administration with which he was so richly endowed.

bringing Christian principles

down to the plane of practical

J. H. S. Wild was the eldest son of the Rev Herbert Louis Wild, who had been viceprincipal of St Edmund Hall, Oxford, and who subsequently became Archdeacon of Nottingham and later, Bishop of Newcastie.

As a boy Wild went from Summer Fleids School to Clifton, where he was a scholar: he also obtained his cap for Rugby Football From Clifton he proceeded to Brasnose College, Oxford, as a classical scholar, and there took a first in honour moderations, a third in greats and a second in theology. He represented Oxford in athletics in 1927. After a year at Westcott House, Cambridge, he was admitted to the diaconate in 1929 and was ordained priest in 1930. The first four years of Wild's

ministry were spent in the

THE VERY REV J. H. S. WILD

industrial parish of St Aidan, Newcastle-on-Tyne: his close contact there with the life of the workers and the problem of unemployment left a deep imprint on his attitude towards such social issues. In 1933 he returned to Oxford as Chaplain Fellow of University College, and was soon made Praelector in Theology and Domestic Bursar: from the beginning of the second world war he held the office of Dean. From 1942, when the Master, Sir William (later Lord) Beveridge, was occupied with the preparation of the report given his name which provided the basis of the welfare state, Wild acted as Vice-Master of the college. Then in 1945, when Beveridge had announced his intention of standing for par-

liament and in consequence of

leaving Oxford, the governing

most considerate and proachable of heads. His grasp of the internal life of the college was remarkable and extended to the smallest detail. Outside the university he gave his main attention to Christian work. Although he was never an eloquent preacher. his sincere faith and his patent determination to give it practical expression endeared him to great numbers of people. The son of an Evangelical father, he was himself a strong central churchman, with a slight leaning to the piety of the Tractarian movement. He was examining chaplain to the Bishops of Lichfield, Guildford and Blackburn, and commissary to the Bishop of Colombo. Among the many enterprises of social betterment in which he threw his energies was the scheme for body elected Wild Master. camps for the unemployed in the year before the war: he took a large share in the organisation and running of

in 1951 he succeeded Dr Alington as Dean of Durham. and brought to his new rask the same qualities as a man and administrator which had already proved themselves in the headship of an Oxford

At Durham there was ample scope for an administrator of his particular type. The former, seemingly impregnable financial position of the dean and chapter had been replaced by a period in which consolidation and even retrenchment were required. Many important improvements were effected in the internal furnishings and arrangements of the cathedral, however, and he compiled a new guidebook which was both popular and scholarly. In addition to the cathedral

itself, the Dean and Chapter of Durham are responsible for a considerable estate and, as governors, for two important schools. The repair of Prebends' Bridge, a historic link between the peninsula and the surrounding country, became urgent, and the successful completion of a public appeal for funds occupied much of his time and energy. A thorough reconstruction of the Chapter estates, largely necessitated by the inevitable neglect of the war years, was carried through under his leadership and he gave unstinted attention to the problem of reconciling the many commitments of the Chapter with the interest of solvency. The enlargement and reorganisation of the Choristers' School, planned by his predecessor, was efficiently carried out during the early years of his tenure of the

Deanery. Wild also built up a solid record of unobtrusive public service. He had a keen interest in civic affairs, and his intense love of natural beauty made him a zealous defender of the amenities of the city.

Winchester, who survives him.

APPRECIATIONS

Pierre Uri

nental, friends will miss the brilliance of Pierre Uri (obituary, July 24). Although he had not shared in Jean Monner's frustration with inter-governmental organisations paralysed by the rule of unanimity. it was he who nonetheless elaborated the central concept of the Treaty of Rome namely, an independent body. the Commission, submitting proposals for action to repre-sentatives of nation-states who would be required to decide on them, in an increasing number of instances, by a qualified majority. He had no doubt that the resulting customs union was a superior idea to that of a free trade area. He followed Friedrich List, the German economist of the last century, in believing that in a technological age free trade

BRITISH, as well as Conti-



makes sense only between countries developed to a roughly comparable level. It is a critical moment for the European Community, when his ingenuity is much needed.

Rt Hon Aubrey Jones

Mary McHugh

YOUR splendid and full obituary of Dr Mary McHugh (August 11) which correctly showed her as a somewhat obstinate and wilful "mistress of discourtesy" (Lord Justice Warkins) with a somewhat restless outlook - perhaps causing the storms which sometimes buffeted her. All quite true. But there was a different side to her which should be acknowledged.

i was company director of a business in Old Kent Road, Peckham, for 20 years, serving the same public who were her patients in her medical practice. Her hard work and care brought out great trust and affection between doctor and patients far beyond her medical duties. She was mother confessor to many, her surgery always open to hear the trials and troubles of life.

IN JULY 1990, Leonard

In 1945 he married Margaret Elizabeth Everard, daughter of Dr G. B. Wainwright, of

Always there to help and console - never a refusal. And to this day remembered with

It is quite proper to note this caring side of a fine lady.

John H. Stafford-Moule

Lord Cheshire

Cheshire (obituary, August 3) went to Berlin to attend a rock concert staged on Potsdamer Platz in support of one of his last humanitarian projects: the Memorial Fund For Disaster Relief. The fund sought a donation equal to £5.00 for each one of the estimated dead of two world wars. The interest earned from this bed of capital would then be used for emergency disaster relief, although the capital itself would remain untouched.

Whilst he was in Berlin

Lord Cheshire agreed to speak to me for British Forces Broadcasting Service about the project. When we met, his humility and dedication to helping others came shining through. He linked the future prospect of saving lives with the recognition of the debt owed to the men and women who gave theirs in the name of liberty, by describing the phi-losophy of the fund as "a life for a life". He also spoke of his negotiations with Washington and Moscow for the casings of scrapped Pershing and SS missiles to raise money by

turning the metal into pens (pens being mightier, etc). Lord Cheshire also showed a keen sense of humour: when I arrived at the hotel to record the interview, the receptionist

had no record of a "Mr Cheshire" in the register. Recalling his war-time career, however, and cross-referencing with what I knew to be his room number, we soon established that a "Mr Lancaster" was a guest, and was expecting a visitor!

Alan Phillips

IT HAS been said that when Buckingham Palace was damaged by air attacks during the war, Queen Elizabeth said that, now that her home had also been damaged, she felt she could look the people of

the East End in the face. Some months ago Leonard Cheshire was diagnosed as suffering from motor neurone disease. His only comment seems to have been that he felt he could now, as at last one of themselves, empathise with the disabled.

F. M. M. Steiner

Tommy Nutter, fashion setting tailor, ed of an Aids related illness or August 17 aged 49. He was born on April 17, 1943.

IN 1969, when many bespoke tailors practiced their trade in discreet premises and still had names that sounded more like firms of solicitors, the opening up of an actual shop with a plate-glass frontage and the name Tommy Nutter above it in Savile Row was a distinct break with tradition. At the age of 26 Tommy Nutter was not old enough to be encumbered with venerated notions of bespoke tailor-ing and his "total look" styles - with pinstripes cut on the horizontal, gamekeeper's tweeds mixed at random in a three-piece suit and wide lapels and flared trousers - provoked predictable tut-tuts from traditionalists. But although he set about revising the public image of Savile Row as a place of white-haired old men creaking over their tape-measures - his head cutter was only 28 and none of the staff over the 30 — Nutter had a healthy respect for the craftsmanship of bespoke tailoring; he boasted that he used only the best in both materials and cutters and favoured English cloth and the classic English suit, "but with a little more design and much more colour". Along with hairdresser Vidal Sassoon

photographer David Bailey and models Twiggy and Jean Shrimpton, Tommy Nutter became a trend-setter of the time. John Lennon was an early client (Nutter made the white suits he and Yoko wore); three of the Beatles wore his suits for the famous photograph of them walking across a zebra crossing for the cover of the Abbey Road album (George Harrison preferring denim jeans); and other cus-tomers ranged from the Duke of Bedford and Lord and Lady Harlech to Mick and Bianca Jagger.

The son of an uphoisterer, Tommy Nutter failed his 11-plus, was educated at Camrose secondary school in Edgware and then studied plumbing at Willesden Technical College. He worked for a building firm at 15 and then saw an advertisment for a pin boy in a tailor's in Savile Row. He joined Donaldson, Williams & Ward, a traditional tailoring company situated in the Burlington



TOMMY NUTTER

Arcade, around the corner from Savile Row and studied at the Tailor and Cutter Academy. At the same time he started hanging around the trendy clubs of Swinging Sixties London. Among the celebrities he met was the singer Cilla Black who helped finance him when he decided to set up his own tailoring business. Over the following eight years Nutter's flair and expertise ensured his success. A host of Sixties celebrities sought out his designs and in 1971, along with Hardy Amies (who became one of his customers) and Lord Snowdon, he was featured on a Best Dressed Men's List in America.

Nutter enjoyed dressing his more adventurous customers like Sir Roy Strong, Mick Jagger or Elton John. "That's when I can go a bit silly," he

As well as his flair for designing suits, the young tailor had a flair for promoting his business. His letters to fashion editors, hand-written in an elegant stoping script bristled with swatches of loud tweeds and bankers' pinstripes. The accompanying sketch of a suit would look improbably wide-shouldered. The neatly drawn tie ty work.

would have strangled the wearer. Baggywaisted trousers narrowed to the regulation "break" on the instep of natty halfbrogues or co-respondent shoes. But the finished Nutter creation was likely to look just as exaggerated in reality and twice as dashing. This stream of letters to fashion editors expressed his enthusiasm for tailoring and correct style and was a natural extension of his own self-deprecat-

> To compliment his bespoke service, Nutter offered ready-to-wear designs. Although he experienced some financial difficulties in the early 1970s, in 1978 he launched his first major ready-to-wear collection for the Austin Reed stores and in 1980 he was signed for five years by a Japanese conglomerate, Daido Worsted Mills and the Milliontex Corporation, for which he designed two cloth collections a year, also designing two menswear collec-tions for a leading Japanese store, Hankyu. After more than 20 years in Savile Row.

Tommy Nutter was still doing imaginative things with chalk-stripes and window pane checks for Lord Montagu. Sir Roy Strong and the more fashion-conscious businessmen, and piping white satin in gold for Elton John. Sir Roy Strong believed that Nutter's designs encapsulated the concepts of dressing in the 1980s and in 1983, at Sir Roy's request, one of Nutter's suits — a grey horizontal chalk stripe — was donated to the costume department of the Victoria and Albert Museum. On display at the Bath Museum of Costume is Nutter's revivial of the frock coat, and a three-piece suit showing his use of mixing checks is housed at the Los Angeles Museum of Art.

In 1989 he created the costumes for Jack Nicholson's performance as the Joker in the Batman film; he also designed a pearl grey suit for Bill Wyman when the Rolling Stone married his teenage bride Mandy Smith.

Nutter was an enthusiastic letter writer to The Times, detailing in one the correct number of buttons to be done-up. depending on whether a suit is double or single-breasted. In his final years, knowing that he was suffering from Aids. he participated actively in Aids-related chari-

August 19 ON THIS DAY 1874

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The paper's editor, John Delane, was not averse to recording the seamier side of life — "that was a good murder you had last week," he once wrote to a colleague. The lust public execution in England was in 1868.

EXECUTION IN YORK CASTLE

Yesterday morning, at 8 o'clock, the first private execution was performed in York Castle, when William Jackson suffered the last sentence of the law for the murder of his sister, at Kirklington. a village near Ripon. At I o'clock on Tuesday morning the convict sounded the bell for the Governor (Captain Lowrie), who immediately went to him, when he at once said, "I am guilty of the murder of my sister." He then made the

following confession:-"I went to Bedale at 9 o'clock in the morning of the 5th of May. My sister told me I was to come back at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and then I should get my rea, and she would set me to Kirklington. When we got to Kirklington Church, I told her she had better go back again, as it was gening rather late. She said, 'No: 1'll go a little further yet.' She went with me till we got the other side of the barn field. She then wanted to go with me altogether. I said, 'No, it's no use your talking. Lizzie, you shan't go with me, not at present. But I said she could come to me when I got work. She said, 'No, I will go with you now, for when you get away you'll never write any more. So I told her, 'Yes, I will: you needn't fear,' but she said, 'No, I'll go with thee for I know what thou is when thou gets away. So I said, 'Good night' to her. She commenced crying

when I shook hands to part with

her. So when I shook hands with

her and turned my back to go away from her, walking as quick

Two men passed us while this was taking place. When she got up to me I turned round and said, 'Now, Lizzie, you had better go back.' She says to me, 'I will not go back: wherever thou goes I'll go with thee.' So I mad more to do, I opened my black bag and took out my razor and cut my sister Lizzie's throat. She screamed out when the blood flew out. She dropped on the footpath and I lifted her off. She muttered, "Oh, Will," I think, and then I ran away. I am very sorry for not confessing this great sin before.

as ever i could, she ran after me.

WILLIAM JACKSON. Condemned Cell, York Castle, 2.30 a.m., Aug. 18, 1874.

Shortly before 8 o'clock, Askern. the executioner, who had en-tered the Castle on the previous night, entered the "condemned cell", and the process of pinioning was quietly submitted to by the convict. The melancholy procession then left that place. the chaplain reciting the commencement of the burial

The bell of the adjacent Church of St Mary's tolled. Arriving at the drop, which projected from what had been formerly one of the cells, and was wet with the steady rain which was falling at the time, he knelt down and earnestly joined in the service, which was being read.He audibly repeated the Lord's Prayer after the chaplain. and just as the Castle clock had announced the fatal hour exclaimed "Lord have mercy on

Askern then stepped forward and adjusted the noose round his neck. In an instant, the bolt was withdrawn, and the condemned man was seen to be strongly quivering. He did not die nearly so soon as most culprits, for the twitching of the nerves and the spasmodic move-ments of the body could be seen for fully three minutes after the bolt had been drawn. He was a strong-built, hale, and healthy man, and struggled hard with

£1 million bill

Pine beauty moths wipe out Isle of Lewis forest

By KERRY GILL

tried to sell them to the Getty

Museum for \$20 million, but sons.

PINE beauty moths have devastated 600 hectares of trees planted by the Forestry Commission on the isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides. It is the first time that the moths' voracious appetite has destroyed lodgepole pines so far west. Damage was put yesterday at more than £1 million.

Defoliation: which took place when the moths were in their caterpillar stage, is thought to have been so extensive that the plantations, established nearly 20 years ago, are unlikely to recover.

denuded of needles. All that remain are rows of dead, brown wood. In places where a passer-by believes he can still see greenery, it is simply scores of caterpillars almost bursting with food on a dying branch. Last night Forestry Commission officials held one of a series of public meetings on Lewis to show people how to identify the pupae in the hope that further destruction can be

is survived by his wife and two

curbed next year. A virus, developed in eastem Europe to fight the Russian cabbage moth, has been sprayed by helicopter. It is have had to be sprayed. The

The destruction has left trees hoped that it will make existing moths unable to reproduce, "Unlike a chemical the virus has to work its way through the moth population, making them infertile, so that they die off," said Rod Johnstone, district manager for Forest Enterprise, the commercial arm of the commis-

sion. By next spring it will be known whether the spraying has worked. Since 1976 the moth, a native insect on Scots pine, has destroyed huge areas of lodgepole pine in Scotland and more than 20,000 hectares caterpillars, in common with other areas of the Scottish mainland, have devastated plantations at Garynahine and Aline on Lewis.

Although recent mild winters may have contributed to a growth in the number of pine beauty moths, the north-westem terrain itself may be one of the prime causes of the

According to research carried out for the commission by Dr Simon Leather, "deep unflushed peat sites in Scotland are the only places in which pine beauty outbreaks have begun, although lodgepole pine trees growing in most other soil types have subsequently been defoliated. The reason is that the pupae survive better over winter in peat sites because of the enhanced humidity. The natural enemies of the

pine beauty moths include certain beetles and small mammals. Dr Leather said that more planting of Scots pines, largely unaffected by the moths, helped because they encouraged pine beauty predators. He has published guidelines to minimise the risk of damage, including an avoidance of planting purely

lodgepole pines, planting mixed trees such as Scots pines, other conifers and broadleaved trees and encouraging habitats suitable for small mammals. Even if the devastated trees

on Lewis do not show any new growth there are no plans to cut them down. The commission may begin planting broad leaved trees and Scots pine among the dead wood which will act as a wind shelter. The introduction of different species could save future generations of lodgepines from the ravages of the pine beauty moths.

Older students outnumber school-leavers on campus

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THERE are more mature students than 18-year-olds on British campuses for the first time, the education department announced yesterday. Older entrants have fuelled

the rapid growth in higher education over the past decade, many studying part-time without grants. The numbers starting courses when at least 21 rose by 77 per cent during the 1980s.

Although the number of 18-year-olds has continued to rise, those returning to education are in the majority. While universities remain dominated by school-leavers, the more numerous part-time courses in polytechnics and colleges have tipped the bal-ance towards older students.

British PoWs died in gulag

Continued from page 1 the Red Army from German camps. Selected prisoners from among these, some with technological expertise and others useful to Soviet intelligence, were sent to the gulags

where they perished. Major-General Anatoli Krayushkin of the security ministry's directorate told a news conference that Stalin's secret police had listed foreign prisoners in their secret archives, now under examination following the collapse of the Soviet Union. He said: "Overall, the number of people who suffered from the purges is significantly higher than has been revealed."

Itar-Tass news agency said Maj Gen Krayushkin was speaking after handing over to an Austrian embassy representative a list of more than 200 Austrian prisoners, that had been put together from the files of the once-dreaded Soviet KGB security police.

Sergei Osipov, an analyst with a Russian parliamentary commission investigating the presence of foreign prisoners confirming the existence of

per cent increase in mature students enrolling in 1990 allowed the old to overtake the young for the first time. Almost 237,000 started higher education courses, compared with 134,000 in 1980. A further 38,000 joined the

Open University.

The trend is certain to continue as the number of 18year-olds declines. Almost all school-leavers qualified for degree courses go on to higher education

A drift back to education among those in their twenties has been accelerated by the recession. Many who went into jobs at 16 or 17 are taking the opportunity to adjust to a more demanding employment market by improving their qualifications.

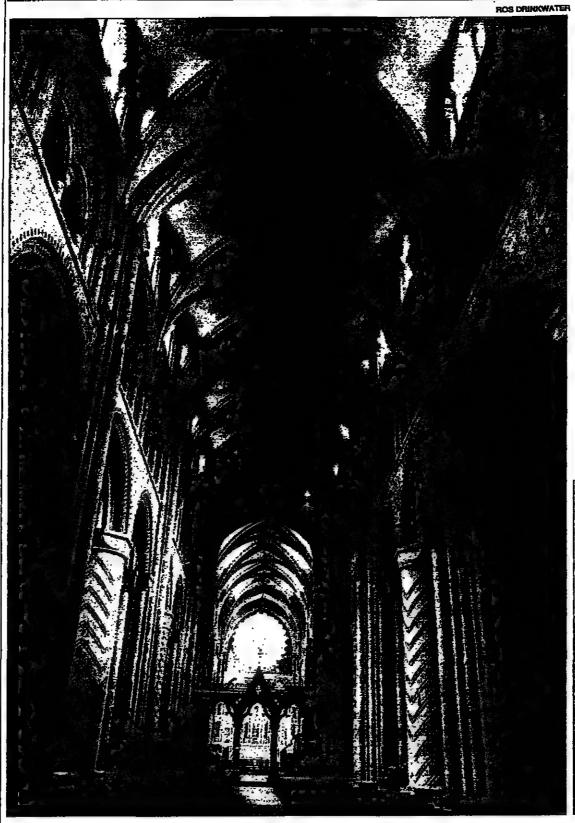
Nigel Forman, the higher education minister, said that more than 250,000 mature students were entering higher education, "This demonstrates that universities, polytechnics and colleges have responded positively to increasing demand for places in higher education from older students. This increase reflects a significant change in the pattern of student participation which is likely to be sustained."

Just over a third of mature students joined full-time courses in 1990. Almost half were women. Four out of five starting courses over the age of 20 were in polytechnics or colleges, more than half taking courses below degree level. The majority taking degree courses were over 25.

Business studies was the most popular subject in 1990, especially for part-time students. Social sciences, education and engineering recruited many older students.

The total first-year entry to higher education courses grew from 315,000 in 1980 to more than 468,000 a decade later. John Major has set a target of one in three school-leavers to enter higher education by 2,000.

Statistical Bulletin 18/92, Room 338, Analytical Services Branch, Mowden Hall, Staindrop Road, Darlington, DL3 9BG.



Wearside's joy: Light floods through the Romanesque nave of Durham's noble cathedral

900 events to mark Durham's 900 years

BY PAUL WILKINSON

Durham Cathedral, internationally acknowledged as one of the world's finest examples of Romansque architecture, will celebrate its 900th anniversary next year with a summer-long programme of events.

Announcing the festivities yester-

day, the Very Rev John Arnold, the dean, said they wanted to use the occasion for the community's benefit and hoped it would generate much needed tourist revenue for a region where unemployment is running at 12.4 per cent.

The cathedral and the ajoining Durham Castle top a rocky promontory on a bend in the River Wear. Their dominating position overlooking the old city has been designated a world beginner site by nated a world heritage site by Unesco and is the biggest visitor venue in the North-east. Last year it attracted about 600,000 visitors and the Northumbria Tourist Board believes the anniversary will bring at least another 100,000 into

the region.

The list of events includes a visit by Dr George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, once a parish priest in

the city, as well as rock and classical concerts and drama and art

exhibitions.

Durham County council, which is putting up about £130,000 for the programme, is promising 900 events throughout the county in what Don Robson, its leader, calls "a move to link the entire community with this great church". He added: "We want schools to be involved, local organisations, everyone on the region. We want to invite the church into our schools and we want the community to go into the church." Fish king r for the

He added: "How many people who see this magnificent building every time they look up really know what goes on here? This will be a people's celebration, not a building's celebration."

The programme will begin on March 20 with a service attended by Dr Carey to honour the memory of St Cutiblert, the seventh-century monk and Bishop of Lindisfarne whose body lies enshrined behind the high altar.



Church triumphant: an 1847 engraving of the cathedral

Major agrees to send six jets to patrol Iraqi exclusion zone

Continued from page 1 28 army divisions were now in the

A Pentagon official said he expected an allied declaration imposing the air exclusion zone south of the 32nd parallel to be made within the next few days. There are likely to be intense negotiations with Arab lead-ers in the next 24 to 48 hours. Several Middle East governments have expressed disquiet that the

allied "no-fiy" plan could lead to air strikes on Baghdad. Saudi Arabia is believed to be concerned about the long-term implications of the allied plan and it has impressed on Washington the need to ensure that Saddam's regime is not left intact this time. It was, however, unclear last night whether Saudi planes Iraqi aircraft. According to Ameri-can administration officials, Turkey

at Incirlik for strikes on Baghdad. As the allies continued their talks,

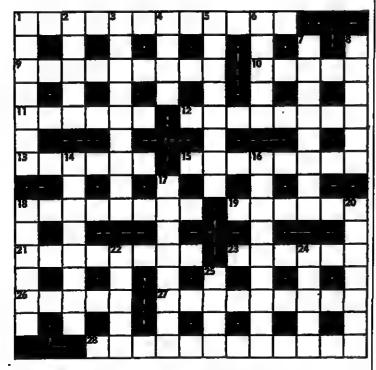
American intelligence agencies claimed that Iraq is placing itself on a war footing and making preparations to absorb an allied attack by testing air defence radar systems and moving military aircraft to before the Gulf war. Republican Guard divisions not deployed in

southern Iraq have also been moved out of their barracks recently.

Washington believes that Bagh-dad has tested a Soviet-made radar system which it used during the Gulf war to launch Scud missiles. Although Scuds are banned under the United Nations resolutions that ended the war, the allies believe that hidden. More than 350 Iraqi fixedwing aircraft flights have been ob-

served by American surveillance units since April, Iraqi aircraft were used to attack Shias in the marshlands on only one day, July 22. However, helicopter gunships have been used regularly to bomb and strafe the Shias.

> Broken kolidays, page 2 Faltering alliance, page 8 Leading article, page 11



THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,001

1 Set right, and it gets her flustered

9 Children not being served well

10 An old doctor given shelter by the

11 A rendezvous for explorers? (6). 12 Finding it in an article entrances and excites (8).

13 One's double (6).

15 The batsman's position is swell

18 A seafood appetiser perhaps, with a bird to follow (8).

19 An aged eccentric listed matters to be discussed (6).

21 Certainly in drink, as determined

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by the rule (8).



23 Craft gailery in the USA (6). 26 Dined soundly at a reasonable hour (5).

27 Grant admission (9). 28 Old Nick can be solicitous, though unconcerned (5-3-4).

I Charge for holding the boards without an alternative (7).

2 Strip, lock stock and barrel (5). 3 Being cheeky about the Right not wise! (9).

4 Greet distantly (4). 5 Attractive binding (8). 6 Scoff about class and social distinction (5). 7 Hold back - shower after all the

8 He acts badly though really 14 Obtain switch out of the petty cash (8).

others (8).

16 Vindicate a course of action without hesitation (5.4). 17 Scholarly people retail it in a diverting way (8). 18 Bank giving many a cautious signal (6).

20 Plain tea, sure as can be! (7). 22 Free in the Home Counties (5). 24 Taste a port in Tanzania (5).25 For squalid housing the total cos is about a pound (4).

Concise Crossword, page 9 Life & Times section

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 71 per cent of the competitors at the 1992 Birmingham regional final of The Times InterCity Crossword

WEIGHT AND AND SHINES A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard

ANAPHRODISIAC exually deappetisi type of Hellenisti UDEROUS

a. Rich and ple
b.Marshy
c.Yew berries

NACREOUS a. Envious and gradging
b. Uncreative
c.To do with mother-of-pearl LOXODROMIC a. Tacking when sailing b.Pertaining to square roots c.Cryptic writing

Answers on page 12

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England and Wales will be mainly cloudy, becoming more humid. Rain will be patchy, with thunder later in southern England and South Wales, possibly spreading to central England and East Anglia. Eastern Scotland will start dry, with rain later. Western Scotland and Northern Ireland will have early cloud and rain, becoming brighter. Outlook: rain clearing tomorrow, sunny

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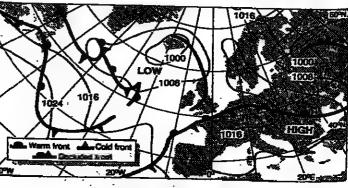
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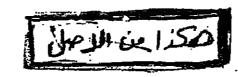


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Fischer king moves for the grail

Bobby Fischer, the brilliant and tempestuous former world chess

champion, is poised to reassert his dominance, Raymond Keene predicts

300 people have competed in the European Championship of the venerable Japanese game of Go; in London, computers have fought out their very own Olympic Games, while, also in London, this week, Marion Tinsley, the world draughts champion, is being challenged for his title by a machine. Now, as the culmination, the greatest mind warrior in history is on the warpath again.

Bobby Fischer, the redusive and controversial American chess genius, has announced his comeback Regarded by many as the most brilliant and incisive chess mind in history, Fischer will play for a record \$5 million (£2.6 million) against Boris Spassky, his old rival, in two no less controversial venues in the former state of Yugosiavia. Their match, set to start on September 1, has sent the chess world, as well as those fascinated by the mind-bending eccentricity of the game's most superb practitioner, into frenzies of anticipation

Twenty years ago this month, Fischer swept to victory, to be crowned as the eleventh world champion, against the self-same Spassky. That memorable event was staged in Reykjavik, Iceland, and was staught with threats to withdraw, arcane procests and political overtones. By winning, Flincorporate acti. Sometican world chess champion and was immediately swamped with propossils, any one of which would have made him a millionaire many

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In the two decades since that 1972 confrontation, Fischer has infuriated the chest world by his refusal to contest even one game in a public forum. After his victory he became increasingly reclusive, a prey to religious eccentrics and was associated with the Worldwide Church of God.

But now Fischer has announced that he is to contest a self-styled "World Chess Championship" against his old rival, Spassky. The promoter is Jezdimir Vasiljevic, proprietor of Jugoskandik, a Belgrade bank. The contest will begin in the villa once belonging to President Tito on the Montenegran island of Sveti Stefan. Tito's former villa has been transformed into the luxury Hotel Maestral. The second half of the match will be played in Belgrade, where Fischer is currently living in the bodyguard-surrounded residence Prince Tomislav, a member of the Serbian ruling

Spassky, world champion from 1969 to 1972, has confirmed the news. 'Yes, Bobby and I have signed a contract to contest the match." To this, he added: "Fischer."

his August has been a month of unusual activity in the arena of mental sports. In Canterbury, copie have competed in the control of the competed in the control of the cont million and the loser \$1.65 million. The prize exceeds by one million dollars the prize for the official world championship between Gary Kasparov and either Holland's Jan Timman or England's Nigel Short, set for Los Angeles next

Kasparov, the world champion, has dismissively described the \$5 million prize fund for the Belgrade match as "the highest sum ever earned by two retired champions". But Mr Vasiljevic, who is putting up the money has dramatically raised the stakes by throwing down a golden gauntlet to Kasparov himself. This amounts to a staggering \$500,000 per game if Kasparov also consents to play Fischer. Kasparov has not yet reacted to this fresh

Fischer was a brash, unschooled young man from Brooklyn, who toppled the might of the Soviet chess system before his thirtieth birthday. His story provided the inspiration for the Tim Rice/Abba musical Chess in 1986. But the dream evaporated after be took the world title from Spassky In 1972. Inexplicably, at that moment, he

renounced chess totally.
Fischer's 1972 match against
Spassky was characterised by the AMERICAN'S INDICATED OF mands, and his near-refusal to play before the match was even under way. Spassky had never previously lost to his antagonist, and the Russian's meticulous pre-match preparation, both mental and physical, was well known. He enjoyed playing tennis to keep fit, and in Reykjavik he was additionally supported by a host of sports psychologists and seconds. Spassky won the first game, and was awarded by the second by default, when Fischer failed to put in an appearance at the board. But once Fischer condescended to play, he unleashed a psychological blitzkreig, protesting



A judge with Spassky, left, and Fischer in their contest of 1972





Two decades on: Bobby Fischer during a recent television appearance, left, and in his world championship match with Boris Spassky in Reykjavik in August 1972

about the presence of televison cameras, the playing conditions and the board. He demanded the exclusive use of his hotel swimming pool, and insisted that the official board be reduced in size by precisely three millimetres. In retaliation, the Soviet delegation declared that Spassky was being distracted by clandestine electronic equipment. They demanded a complete search of the playing hall, an X-ray of the chairs, but this only revealed two dead flies. The circus ended with Fischer taking the title by the score of 12's points to 8's with some of the most profound and innovative top-level chess ever witnessed. The first book on the match appeared in print within 24 hours of its close and

sold 300,000 copies within a

Inevitably, the superpower clash became overladen with a Cold War symbolism, which attracted the glare of the world media. Perhaps the Western press exposure, 10 which Spassky was quite unaccustorned, helped to knock the stuffing out of him. After 1972, he suffered a permanent decline in morale, and his reputation was rapidly eclipsed by younger compatriots, Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov.

tradoxically, the 1972 match exerted an even more disastrous impact on its victor. In 1975, after FIDE, the World Chess Federation, stripped Fischer of his title when he refused to defend against the new challenger, Karpov. Fischer thus earned the dubious distinction of becoming the only player in the history of world championship chess to have lost his title by default. Fischer's subsequent self-imposed exile angered and exasperated chess enthusand the general public

Fischer saw no necessity to prove himself as world champion again. By total and sudden withdrawal from the arena, at the absolute height of his powers, he preserved a mythical nimbus of invincibility. But the world passed him by, an isolated figure on his lonely summit, while attention shifted towards Karpov, Kasparov, Timman and

Yet it transpired that Pischer's endless demands, with their atten-dant upsurge of publicity for chess, acted as a catalyst in improving the acted as a catalyst in improving the lot of the professional chess player and vastly increasing the prize money. Fischer endowed the game with mass appeal in the West. Moreover, he showed that chess players could make headline news. There was an immediate surge in the popularity of chess, which still has effects some two decades later. Short, Britain's top player, is a product of the Fischer boom.

Now, finally, Fischer appears ready, once again, to face the world. Interestingly, the conditions for this new contest are those he demanded, but which the World Chess Federation rejected, for the 1975 match against Karpov which never took place. This match will continue until one player wins ten games. The remaining match conditions

mirror Fischer's own

There will be live week, every game played to a finish, with no possibility of adjourning. This reflects Fischer's fear that if a game is adjourned overnight his opponent may enlist the aid of a inputer to pinpoint the correct line. Furthermore, the march games will be timed by a special chess clock which Fischer has personally developed and patented. At the commencement of each game, both players will have a reserve of 90 minutes on this clock. Each time one player makes a move, he will gain two minutes. In theory, this device (based on Japa-nese timing in their national mind games of Shogi and Go) should eliminate the wild time scrambles

The common theme behind all Fischer's innovations and rule changes seems to be to eliminate what he sees as the elements of chance. In this match pure talent will triumph, and Fischer sees himself as the embodiment of genius and talent over training and

One element in Fischer's return has been a desire to enrage the world establishment by playing in Serbia. The match is likely to be viewed as violating the international sanctions imposed by the UN, and two weeks ago the US Senate started to examine the question.

community exert a strange fascination over Fischer. In former years, the only offers which seriously attracted him were those to play in South Africa Mr Vasiljevic, ex-panding enthusiastically on this theme, rammed the point home. By bringing Fischer to Yugoslavia, we have broken the international blockade in a most spectacular manner. We practically had to abduct Fischer from the airmont in Budanest because were airaid they might take his passport and ban him from enter-

ing Yugoslavia."
The former champion may also have something personal to prove. He has a fiancee, the 19-year-old Hungarian chess master, Zita Rajesaniy, born in 1973, a year after he beat Spassky in Reykjavik. Miss Rajcsanly has a chess rating of 2100 on the World Chess Federation scale, which pushes her well into the upper echelons of

If Fischer can revive the old sparkle, this will be a memorable match. I predict that if he can shake off the rust of 20 years of inaction over the first four games or so, he will go on to win. He is still "hungry" in modern athletic terminology, and he has a lot to prove Spassky, too, can rise to the occasion. The fresh challenge from his ancient foe may reawaken his creative passion. If Fischer loses badly over the initial stretch, he may just stop or withdraw. But if he emerges victorious, after a well fought struggie, as I believe he wil he may go on to a fresh and glorious challenge against Kasparov. More frustratingly, though, Achilles may return to sulk in his Pasadena tent for a further two decades, while consoling himself with the thought that he is \$3 million the richer.

TOMORROW

The changing concept of beauty in art through the ages

Since you ask, I'm wearing my old Hoover bag

California recently phoned me at great expense from a Santa Barbara call-box and asked me what clothes I had on. Not having read any fashionable American novels about sex-by-phone, I found this rather unsettling. It came out of the blue. I mean, we observed the usual preliminary greetings, such as "What time is it where you are?" and "Have you seen The Player yet, isn't it great?".

But we had barely touched on the elections and the earthquake forecasts before he posed this extraordinary question about my attire, leaving me all perplexed and wrong-footed.

Was this a dirty phone-call, I thought, or was he simply concerned to conjure up an innocent mental picture of his faraway pai? Should I give him the benefit of the doubt? Playing for time (and angling for clues) I asked what he was wearing, but his answer didn't help. Evidently his outfit consisted of a T-shirt and trousers, some trainers and a beany-hat. "Sounds very nice," I said non-committally, wondering whether the beany-hat was a code for something. Either way. I was still completely in the dark about whether to confess to the old grey army socks and the exams fitting a new flea collar on a jumbo dungarees.

Fran Lebowitz once said that the telephone is a good way to talk to people without having to offer them a drink. Personally, I see it as a good way of talking to people without having to dress up in a high-cut Kim Basinger costume, or apologise for your paltry wardrobe of seductive gear. In the end, I decided to ignore the overtones, and acted dumb. I said that actually my dothes were so thickly matted with caf-hair and household fluff that I could no longer identify them with any confidence. A smart evasion, which seemed to do the trick, because the subject. turned to the Richter scale forth-

I was more disturbed by this conversation than it really merited. perhaps. But I hold the telephone in reverence as an instrument of pure verbal communication, and I don't like to see it messed about. which you can convince yourself that the other person is really engaged in a flow of words entirely undistracted by the extraneous. Which is precisely why it always Saying "Have I caught you at a comes as a shock to discover that for bad time?" does not eliminate this the past ten mirrares the other problem, I find. person has been keeping an eye on Northern Exposure, or marking

SINGLE LIFE

Lynne Truss suffers

an attack of. ringing in the ears



Surely this is the only form of talk in from Tristram Shandy. (They usually give themselves away by yelping out of context, halfway through your description of an unexceptional incident at the dry-deaners.)

YOU: Have I caught you at a bad THEM: No. not at all. How are resistant pet, or reading a funny bit things? (Tap, tap, tap)

YOU: Are you sure you're not you are. There is a woman I know who answers the phone in your THEM: (Tap, tap, tap.) What? YOU: Listen, I'll phone another

THEM: No, really. This is lovely. (Pap, tap, tap.) YOU: Look, are you typing, or mmething?

THEM: Just the radio play. (Tap, tap, tap.) The one about existential despair. (Tap, tap, tap.) I'm just doing this big speech about the black order of sterner and the sensation (Tap, tap, tap) that nobody is listening, anywhere in the universe (Tap, tap, tap), to anyone cise. I don't mind if you want to talk, though. (Tap. tap. tap.) It doesn't bother me.

YOU: I'm surprised you can write and talk at the same time. THEM: Perhaps you're right. I'll stop for a while. (Clank, clatter,

YOU: What's that? THEM: Nothing much. I just thought I'd start dinner.
The worst thing is when they

don't mention they have guests. You chatter away for 20 minutes or so, and then hear them whisper, "Go ahead without me. I think she just needed someone to talk to. Sorry". That's the other illusion of the relephone, of course that the other person is on their own, just as the inside of a Hoover bag.

presence and signals at you to wait: and then she talks animatedly for 30 minutes without giving a single indication to the person on the other end that there is any reason not to. Meanwhile she pulls faces at you, mimes "nearly finished" repeatedly, and makes exaggerated comic pleading gestures when you make embarrassed efforts to leave. Imagine how awkward one feels phoning her up, after witnessing all

Perhaps I worried too much about my American friend's innocent question. He only asked what I was wearing, after all. He didn't ask if I was entertaining a coach party from the Midlands, or examining A-levels, or making a casserole, whereas in fact I was doing all three, as well as finishing my script for the epic Night of the Living Teddynomen and practising bird-

Funny he didn't remark on the array of sound effects, really -Shsk, tick, chop, tap, cackoo — isomething like a jaunty clock repair shop in a Disney cartoon). But then perhaps he was simply transported by the unbearably erotic notion of a woman, six thousand



EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

DNETRI HYOROSTOVSKY: Winner of the EBC Cardiff Singer of the World competition, the young Russian bartione performs romances by Rachmannov and Tchalcovsky. Hydrostovsky already has a formulable reputation on the operator stage, but is less of a known quantity in recital Usher Hafi, Lothan Road, 8pm.

FROM COLLIMIES TO CARVES FROM COLUMNIA TO CANVEY.

Cappella Nova presents a variety of Scottsh music from the 8th century through to the 16th century. The programme ranges from early Celtoc chants in honour of 5t Columba and 5t Kentigern to the sturning Ave Gloriosa, with accompanying readings from ancient Celtic tests and the 1520 translation of the Bible into Scots. Forming part of the series of concerts celebrating Scottish music.

Singeffully Kine 8, 25 Programmes. Greyfriars Kirk, 8.30pm.

ROCOCO: A rehearsed reading of the festival's featured playwright Harrey Granwille Barker's one-act play Royal Lyceum Theatre, 10.30pm. JAMES PRYDE. Best remembered JAMES PRYDE. Best remembered today as half of the poster designing-team the Beggarstraff Brothers (the other being his brother-in-law Welliam Nicholson), James Pryde also had a distinguished Career of his own as a pamer. He was a native of Edinburgh, and something of the city's mystery and romance entered into his work, which often has a faintly theatnical feel to r. Particularly memorable are the series of shadowy interiors in which mere humans are dwarfed by giant four-poster beds. Also, portraits of notables of his time like Ellen Terry, Sir Henry livne and Lady Ottobies Morrell.

Scottlish Netional Gallery of Haddim Art. Indired Read, Mon-Sar, Toan-Spin, Sun, 17 Jam-Spin, Unpl

10am-6om, Sun. ? Jam-6om, Until MUSIC BOX: Mezro soprano Linda Ormiston and baritone Donald Maxwell

ABSENT FRIENDS: Aychbourn's bleak yet comic case-study of modern marriager subtle, shrewd and defity acted (Gary Bond, Susie Blake, Chardin Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (061-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats today, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm.

MANGELS IN AMERICA: Thriling performances in Tony Kushner's fascinating state-of-the-Union drama ls, religion, polnics, everything nel (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight, temorrow, 7.15pm, mat temorrow, 1.30pm, 210mins.

TOWATH AND THE MAIDER AIRS Dorman's sorriving psychological drama on the lunging for revenge. Perary Downse, Danny Webb and Hugh Ross make up the new cast. Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, &um, mais Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 120mins.

GRAND HOTEL: Musical barley sugar Berlin in the Twe Sentimental American Sentimental, American, entertaining, Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9562). Mon-Sat, Spm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm, 120mms. HUSH: Troubled lefties and a naked, barking youth inhabit April De Angelis's

quarky play; only a part success. Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 1071-730 1745) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat FROM A JACK TO A KING: Witty and stylish version of Macheth's climb t the top, set in the world of rock bands

and packed with Sixtes songs. Ambassadors, West Street, London WC2 (071-836 6111), Mon-Thurs. & 15pm, Fri and Set, 5.30pm and 8 30pm, 120mins. LADY, BE GOOD!: lan Talbot's

admirable stocing of the Gershwins' famous song and dence show. Bernard Cribbins plays a come lawyer. Open Air, Regent's Parts, NW1 (071-486 2431). Mon-Wed, 8pm, mat Wed, AT THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III: Nigel Hawtonne is view fine as the stricten king in Alan Bennett's intriguing, signity puzzling play. Neonal (lytteton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Set, 7.30pm,

NEW RELEASES

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◆ LETHAL WEAPON 3 (15): Rousing comedy and mayhem with L.A. cops Riggs and Murraugh. Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Joe Pesci; director, Richard Donner Caenden Parloway (071-267 7034) MGM Cholese (071-352 5096) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM

Fulhern Road (071-370 2636) McM Haysparket (071-839 1527) McM Oxford Street (071-836 0310) McM Shaffesbury Avenue (071-836 2279279 7025) McM Trocaders (071-834 0031) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeon Marbie Arch (026 914501) Screen on Bake Screet (071-935 2772) Screen on the Green (071-236 3320) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332) 792 3337).

THE NEWS BOY'S (PG): Overlong, sanitised Disney musical inspired by the 1899 strike of New York's newspaper boys. Christian Bale, Robert Duvall; choreographer-director, Kenny Ortegal. Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915774) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

WAITING (15): Surrogate mother (Noni Hazelhurst) awaits the britin

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Sara Yelland

BBC PROMS 92- Yuri Bashmet directs the Soloists of the Moscow Conservatorie, renowned for their varuous string-playing. Afried Schmittle's Michologue for Viola and Orchestra, which was premiered by Bashmet in Bonn three years ago, is framed by Mahler's arrangement for string orchestra of Schubert's "Death and the Maiden" Quartet, and Tchailcovsky's enchanting Serenade for Strings. provide a lighthearted look at the world of music in a show that has proved successful across Europe for the past 15 years. With piano peas 13 years 1990) paint accompaniment by John Sorimger. Royal Lychum Theatre, 10.30pm. EDINBURGH FRINGE Strings. Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823-9998), 7.30pm.

MILES KINGTON'S ROUGH GUIDE TO THE FRINGE: Baffled by the fringe? TO THE FRUNGE: Baffled by the fi The ten-times Fringe performer at newspaper columnist offers a comsurvival course, map and a suicide par for those particularly awful moments. Pleasance Aztic, 60 The Pleasance. Toraght-Sat, 11.30pm

SLATZERS BOUQUET: The Months myth is presented through the eyes of her lifelong friend Bob Slatzer. In this drama, his passionate obsession to expose her death as murder leads him on a quest doorned to failure with Hollywood detective Miro Sperigifio. Hill Street Theathra, 19 Hill Street. Tomopht-Sat, 9-15pm. Until Sept 5 (Not Tuesdays). SLATZER'S BOUOUET: The Montoe

MY ANGEL: In the course of a dinner party one man confidently seduces eac of the other guests in turn. A revealing study of sexual control, laying bare son most frequently hidden desires. Buster Browns, 26 Market Street, Tonight-Sat, 8.15pm. Until Sept 5.

THE MAGIC MUSIC BOTE A new children's musical follows Dogse Booge Beat in her battle against the evil Count Cacophory and his sidelick Ton Def But harmony in Music Land Can of

THEATRE GUIDE

House full, returns only

mats today, Sat, 2.15pm. 170mins.

I WINDOWN BY MUSADVENTURE

Gerald Harper and William Gaunt play crime writers who fall out and pit ther

the-mill thriller. Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-896 9987). Mon-Sat, Spm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 120mms.

I PHILADELPHRA, HERE I COME: Brain Fret's affectionate comedy of an Irish emigrant and his carping after ego. A revival to be chershed. Wyndhaun's, Charing Cross Road, WCZ (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, Born, Sat, 8,15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 120mms.

I ITYGRAALION: Alan Howard, Francis Barber in a Noward Dravies production that some admire greatly while others feel subordinates the text

to a clever design. National (Olivier), South Bank, SE? (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mats Thurs, 2pm, Sat, 2pm. 195mms.

between her chid, mum and manhand in Sharman Macdonald's disappointing new play; only sporadically absorbing. Albery, St Martin's Lane, WCZ (071-867 1115), Mon-Set, 8pm, mais Thurs, 3pm, Set, 4pm, 120mins.

SIX DIGRES OF SEPARATIONS

Stockard Channing as the rich New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guare's fine play on

human inter-dependence. Consedy, Pamon Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, Spm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4pm, 90mms.

Nezis, squeaky-clean tots and drops of golden sun: a sweet holiday from the real world. With Liz Robertson and Christopher Cazenove.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC MASS,

SHADES: Pauline Collins tom

wicked wits against each other: run-of-

Some seats available
 Seats at all prices

Sadler's Weils, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 6916). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mais Tues, Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm.

fun with ongraal live music. The Gilded Belloon Theatre, 233 Cowgate. Torught-Sat, 10am. Until August 29.

ACADEMY OF ST MARTIN-IN-THB-PELDS: Sir Neville Martiner conducts' the Academy of St Martin Programme comprises Ravel's Mather Goose suite, Subskus's Violin Concerto and Dirorals's Symphory No 7 Part of the Academy Summer Series.

Summer Senes. Barbican, Sik Street, EC2 (071-638-8891), 7.30pm.

MESSADO: These two Jamaican artists present an evening of dance and music created for the Weekend Arts College's programme "Hot Summer in the Cny". The duo create a performance of both planned partnership and spontaneous intermeasable.

improvisation. Weekend Arts College, Interchange Studios, Daiby Street, London NWS

HOT STRINGS: The all-fernale string

orchestra return to Snape with a new senes of arrangements for strings ranging from Mozart to the Blues.

to Dido and Aeneas and Joplin's The

Snape Concert Hall, High Street, Aldeburgh, Suffolk (0800-585789)

PATSY RICKETTS AND KARL

ELSEWHERE

STRAIGHT AND NAMEDW: Nicholas Lynchurst, Neil Daglish and Carmel McSharry in likeable comedy about a doing mother's womes, of theatre showing in London notably her gay son. Aldveych, Aldwych WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, Spm, mats Wed, Spm, Ser, Sen. 1 20count

> THE VICTUOSES Shadwell's LL THE VIETUOESC Shadwell's Restoration comedy of bad behaviour in the home of a burnbling sawor." directed with verse by Phytlida Llodd free Prt. Barbican Centre, Sik Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, Thurs 7. Elsen (160mer).

A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE Jaced with wit. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, 5W1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

839 5971). III Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dressocat: Palladium (071-494 5037). III Me and Mky Girk Adelph (071-494 5037). III Me and Mky Girk Adelph (071-494 5400). III Milas Salgon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400). III The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-436 1443). III The Pharmtom of the Opera: Har Majesty's (071-494 5400). III Return to Mky Stoppin (191-379 5299). III Startight Express: Apolio Victoria (071-428 8665). III The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

CINEMA GUIDE

Eaoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where Indicated with the symbol ◆)

surrounded by friends. Agreeable Australian feminist comedy. Writer-director, Jackie McKimmie. Blectris (071-992 (020) National Film Theatra (071-928 3232).

WATHOUT YOU I'VE MOTHING (180

CURRENT BESTHOYEN (U): Slobbering 5t Bernard brings disaster and joy to the Suburbs. Adequate family cornedy. Charles Grodin, Bonnie Hurt; director,

Charles Groom, Bonnie Hun; owncor, Brian Leant. MGM Fulfaum Road (071-370 2636) MGM Outeral Street (071-26 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Plaza (071-497 9999) UCI Whitaleys 473: 302 -2231 (071-792 3332).

MASALA (18); Dishevelled saturcal fantasy set in Toronto's Indian community. With Saeed Jaffrey (delightful in three roles); writer-

LONG RUNNIERS:

Blood Brothers: Proents (071-857 1044)...

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Victoria Palace (071-834 1317)

Garman Jones: Old Vic (071-928 7616).

Catts: New London (071-405 0072).

Dancing at Lughnasse: Garrick (071-494 5085)

Don't Dress for Dinner: Apollo (071-494 5070).

An Evening With Gary Lineker: Duchess (071-494 5075).

Hwe Guye Named Mee: Lyric (071-494 5045).

Good Roddin' Toeffer: Prince of Wales (071-639 5971).

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreencoat:

Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre

MY COUSEN VENNY (15):

ntures of a novice lawye

defending a murder charge down South, Uncertain comic vehicle for Joe Pesc; bright support from Marisa Tornel, Fred Gwynne, Darector,

Jonathan Lytti.
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6148) Odeons: Kensington (0426
914666) West End (0426 915574) UCJ
Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

NIGHT ON EARTH (15): Five tragi-

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Hutch is not much over five feet tall, but ram-rod straight and dapper. He still moves like quicks liver and talks at a

American circus.

'My mother was a singer, my father clog-danced and my brothers did acrobatics; and we used to go round working men's clubs on Saturdays and

An old tumbler simply rolls on

David Robinson meets Johnny Hutch, the 80-ish music-hall artist and circus tumbler still teaching acrobatics to young performers

ohnny Hutch is remembering. "Once you can do a flip-flap', my old guv nor told me, You'll never be short of a pound.' And he was so right."

Hutch was 14 when he heeded this sage advice. Sixty-five years later he does few flip-flaps himself, but he still stays busy passing on the art of acrobatic comedy. "I could work every day of the week, but I try to keep a little time for myself. I have sometimes thought, he adds, with utter lack of conviction considering that his eightieth birthday is just around the corner.

"that I might retire when I'm eighty."

He is known to television viewers across the world as the little old man who gets slapped or patted on the head in Benny Hill shows; he was working with Hill on a new series when the comedian died in April. He runs his own comedy acrobatic troupe, The Nitwits, which early this year em-barked on an eight-month tour of

Hutch conducts workshops in comedy at Circus Space, and develops acrobatic routines for modern dance groups such as The Kosh. His life and work was the inspiration behind Endangered Species, The Kosh's current touring production about a struggling music hall double act, which Hutch co-directed and co-choreographed. He also taught Robert Dow-ney Jr to do comedy falls for the actor's role as Charlie Chaplin in Richard Attenborough's forthcoming film Chaplin. And later this month, Hutch takes part in the International Workshop Festival, leading a weekend workshop on vaudeville and acrobatic

routines on August 29 and 30. pace, with the unreformed accent of his native Middlesbrough, where he grew up the son of a stevedore.

Sundays. I was thin and wiry and a very good contortionist. They used to. call me the 'double jointed kid'. My father developed a routine for me when I was I I or 12, doing acrobatic bends with a pickaxe and a shovel and a barrow - things that were familiar to

the working men.
"Just when I left school at 14, a troupe of Arab acrobats came to Middlesbrough. The week before, the prentice boy had fallen off the top of an Arab pyramid and broken his arm, so they advertised in the Middlesbrough Gazette for a small boy to stand on top

of the human pyramid.
"So I went to the Middlesbrough Empire with my mother, along with 20 other little urchins. When they saw mebend and such they said, 'Can we take him, Missus? and she said, 'Oh, yes'. They gave me a contract for five years half a crown a week pocket money, all my clothes and all my keep. That was in 1926."

utch served his apprenticeship as an Arab tumbler, Hindustans until 1937, touring the great Continental music halls. "After the war I put on my own troupes - The Seven Volants, the Six Herculeans, Johnny Hutch and the Halfwits, The Rapid Four, The Two Warner Brothers. You had to do everything impressions, dance, acrobatics, character, dialects."

In those days there were 52 weeks' work a year for any good variety act. "You could play six months in London alone - the Palladium, the Canterbury, the Metropolitan, Hackney Empire, Lewisham Hippodrome, New Cross Empire - grand theatres. From 1927 to 1937 it was paradise in our business - reserved compariments on the trains, two-thirds fare concessions. I played with all the great artists, and

later with the big Americans." He watched the music halls die in the 1950s. "The theatres took a dive, and so they introduced nudes. The girls then had to stand perfectly still or they



Johnny Hutch: at 64, he won the World Circus Championship

male audience, but the family audience. began to leave. The business fell apart." Johnny and his troupes went back to the Continent and circus. "Germany, France, Spain, Sweden, South Africa.

And when I finished with circus, I went into big cabarets, the Lido, the Folies Bergères, Las Vegas. And pantomime every year at the Palladium." At 64, Johnny won the World Circus

Championship, performing the rare feat of "a round-O flip-flap, fulltwisting back somersault. That was the last time though. A lot of people make old age an excuse to be lazy, and that's

were taken to court. They attracted a a bad habit; but you have to be sensible. I say, well, I can't manage that, so I'll go on to something else. Until recently I always started the day by walking around on my hands for a while, but now I have a touch of arthritis in the

> "They say once you're past 75 it's an adventure getting out of bed. But you've got to stay yourself and do your own thing. I'm still doing it. And if I was given the time all over again, I wouldn't change a thing."

International Workshop, Festival details on 071-600 2242. Endangered Species is at The Grand, Clapham, September 7-12

DANCE REVIEW

Strange sort of homage

HOW good is your imagination? Unless it is in lively working order, you may have difficulty convincing yourself that English National Baller's programme this week is a worthy tribute to this century's first master choreographer, or perhaps even understanding how Fokine won his reputation.

The company was fielding several ubstitutes on Monday night, but the trouble began long before the intended casts began to fall like ninepins. To put on a corny old melodrama such as Shéhérazade is asking for trouble, but in the past Bakst's amazing decor has made it bearable. ENB owns a good reproduction (by Geoffrey Guy) of the setting but at the Festival Hall you cannot see the marvellously rich, clashing colours. This became obvious

last year, so why repeat the mistake? A lack of conviction in the way the dancers performed their insipid harem orgy is understandable. Carlos Acosta had his dramatic moments as the Golden Slave, but kept deflating them by casting the audience looks that only too clearly asked "wasn't I clever?".

Le Spectre de la Rose has a better theme (a girl's reverie after her first ball) and better choreography, but there is a little problem: the title part, created around Nijinsky's ambiguous but compelling personality, is almost unperformable. I have seen many celebrated dancers try, one or two decent near-misses, but only two complete successes: both of them, John Gilpin and Rudolf Nureyev, with this сотралу усал ндо. Christian Duncan, a junior dancer

brought forward to replace an absent

Festival Hall

Fokine Tribute

colleague, struggled bravely to get through the steps; who can blame him if bravura and smoothness eluded him. or any sense of controlling Renata

The Dying Swan is another piece that has for some time been something of a dead duck. For Anna Pavlova to have made this sentimental little number impress audiences so much is evidence of what a great performer she must have been. Fragments of film suggest that she danced it with a tough centre, but some may prefer the breathless earnestness which Ludmila

Semenyaka gave it here.

Les Sylphides, in Markova's production, was the best of the evening, with Agnes Oaks catching the spirit and the lightness of the mazurka and duet, and Maria Teresa Del Real accurate in the prelude solo. Tim Almass danced confidently, if none too powerfully or elegantly. Orchestrated Chopin is not to all tastes but the orchestra played this best of the evening's works.

The Fokine ballet which might particularly suit the present dancers is Carnaval - which this company has never done. But the programme book reminds us that 14 years ago the ENB did give Les Sylphides with Petrushka and the Polovisian dances from Prince igor. Now that might have been more like a tribute.

JOHN PERCIVAL

PROMS REVIEW

THERE have been times, over the decades, when cristom has been known to stale the infinite variety of the Academy of Ancient Music, Monday, might, though, was not one of them." With scarcely a standing inch left in either arena or gallery. Christopher Hogwood justified the clearly high

hopes of the Promenaders. -e glory must be Hogwood's band was joined for this all-Bach programme by the scarlet-gowned Choir of New College, Oxford Edward Higginbottom conducted them alone, save for the presence of three dimiy-lit continuo players, in the evening's sober centrepiece, the funeral motet "Komm, Jesu, komm".

There was something very English about the vocal rhythms which barely touched the ground, the light enuncia tion, the wide-eyed and wide-throated celebration of Leben always as "Layburn". But it is Higginbottom's great achievement to have moulded a style of singing which is neither over cultivated nor underdone. The ease with which both boys and men articulate the music disguises their special skill in tuning voice to voice to master the complexities of the longest line.

In their festive, five-part Magnificat, they made of its opening sentence a long, laughing paean of praise, threaded with the trills and turns of three trumpets. What little Catherine Pierard and Barbara Bonney had to do, they did sweetly enough. The choir snatched their "Suscepit Israel" away from them, although their affirmatory "Gloria" almost justified the theft. There was a moment of silence, as

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NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY. deep as only a Proms slience can be, for

James Bowman's exquisite "Esprientes implevit bonis". The musically hungry were certainly filled with good things notes offered within one perfectly controlled breath contrasted almost palpably with the tiny simplicity of the rich being sent empty away.

The evening's "Ouverture" had been Bach's Orchestral Suite No 4 in D Major. This was the Academy at its very best: trumpets and timpani stepping neatly aside to uncover the nimble and revealing phrasing of the strings; Bourrees, Gavotte and Menuels truly and joyfully danced.

This criss-crossing of musical currents within seemingly instinctive, yet obviously carefully rehearsed, relationships of metre and tempo was the main delight, too, of the Concerto for Two Violins in D Minor. The playing of the two soloists, Simon Standage and Micaela Comberti was less than inspiring.

While it is always good to hear the opening Vivace shorn of rhetoric, the spiky, even laconic, dialogue between the two leaned towards the worldweary. The Largo, too, was played as if just one sequence too many. But once the Terpsichorean muse reappeared in the dancing finale, the band champi-oned its soloists, urging them on from one conceit to another.

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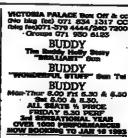
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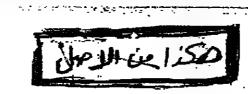
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Theatre: Benedict Nightingale on the Edinburgh Festival production of Harley Granville Barker's The Voysey Inheritance

Parable of a piratical paterfamilias

o doubt it would have been better if the Edinburgh Festival had staged a latter-day equivalent of Eliot's Cocktail Party or disinterred another Renaissance masterpiece, such as Lindsay's Three Estates, but those now far-off feats are hard to repeat at a time when every theatre is frantically searching for new plays and new old

Again, it would have been nice if some epoch-changing company had been uncovered in the jungles of Senegal and transported to Auld Reekie, or if Mnouchkine had taken her Atreus sage to Edinburgh instead of the Bradford mill she crammed with actors earlier this summer. But exciting imports are not easily found. We all know a festival director would be more likely to serve up the kind of strenuously imaginative effort we secretly dread: four hours in which Germans in boilersuits denounce consumerism or masked Japanese debate the ethics of violence.

Whatever may be urged against this year's programme, and specifically against its opening production, at least a bit of enterprise has gone into its choosing. The idea is to take two not-quite-major dramatists and, by presenting several troupes in several of their plays, to put them more securely on the cultural map.

There is, of course, a danger of achieving exactly the opposite. We may feel so biffed and banged by the twinning of Harley Granville Barker and C.P. Taylor that we want to burn their works and desecrate their graves. The burden of proof is on the Northern Stage, the Orange Tree and the other companies on furlough in Edinburgh. Have they the creative necromancy to bring dead

The first signs are not good. Of all the plays in this festival, Barker's Voysey Inheritance would seem the surest of success. It was revived at the National Theatre in 1989, and events since then have given it new timeliness. Old Voysey was a solici-tor, not a publisher, and died in bed,



not the Atlantic, but he plundered the funds in his must and left the deficit as a legacy to his heirs. Whether it comes in the form of a play written in 1905 or a news event that occurred in 1991, the tale can tantalise and grip. Yet William Gaskill's production at the Royal Lyceum Theatre (until Saturday) only fleetingly catches the suspense that many must have felt as Max-well's defalcations were revealed.

This may be the fault of Barker. His mind daunted even Shaw, who called him "incomparably the most cultivated person whom circum-stances had driven into the theatre at that time, meaning the Edwar-dian age, and others found him far too cultivated. Maugham thought he needed "more force, more go, more bluntness, more guts, more beef, and Lawrence assailed his "bony, bloodless drama". For Barker; the Voysey saga was a moral parable, interesting mainly because of the intellectual speculation it

irst, it allowed him to attack Edwardian pretension. The firm that old Voysey leaves behind is a pillar of city respectability, but the rot runs deep. Moreover, several of the Forsyle clones among his family and friends belie their high-minded rhetoric by demanding a cover-up or preferential treatment for themselves or both. Not much honesty, decency or charity when John Bull's wallet is threatened, it seems,

Second, Barker made an unlikely hero of Voysey's son Edward, who is appalled by his father's frauds, yet continues to fiddle with the accounts, robbing Peter to pay Paul



A family at bay! Assembled Voyseys consider life after father in the Royal Lyccum Theatre production of The Voysey Inheritance

and making good all the losses he can. That is illegal yet moral, dishonest yet honourable, and it turns a priggish boy into an impressively courageous man. So Barker suggests, and goes on to ask equally unconventional questions about wealth itself. Whom and what is Edward sacrificing himself to protect? If we had to invent a financial system from scratch, would we come up with Edwardian capitalism? Barker the sophisticate plays too

obviously with ideas, yet the play itself is far from abstract. Imagine the situation. It is as if a nervous curate suddenly discovered that, take or leave a leg or hand, his much-loved hishop was Long John Silver or Captain Hook. Imagine Edward's inner chaos, especially when he takes up inns-of-Court piracy himself. Imagine the turmoil in the family as they find their beliefs and their security disappearing. Yet where is the turmoil at the

Lyonum? The production gets off on the wrong foot, since Tenniel Evans has little of the buccaneering charisma old Voysey needs, and it never settles afterwards. Peter Lindford's grave Edward has a nice, tense enounter with Frank Middlemass's Booth, the most spoiled of the friends his father has robbed, but not a lot else. Barker's notorious dispassion cannot excuse Lindford's failure to bring the character's pain

As for the supporting actors well, Peter Blythe is comfy enough in the play's easiest role, Edward's blimpish brother. But even he seems curiously unsurprised to be told at his father's funeral that the old boy was a criminal. Indeed, the whole family reacts to the prospect of disgrace and poverty as if to a summer cold. Neither Barker, nor the Edinburgh Festival's experimentalism, can fairly be judged by

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The price of all this Wag-ner? Music Discount Centre in London quotes around £330 for the 18 videos or £311 for the 32 CDs. And if the Wagnerites want a little light reading to accompany this mammoth armchair experience, next month Thames and Hudson is publishing the 432-page Wagner Compendi-um, edited by the Times music critic Barry Millington.

Pay your way

VISITORS to the annual Notting Hill Carnival in London at the end of the month will be asked to contribute to the carnival's funds for the first time. Six sales are to be sunk in the ground at various entry points, and passers-by will be encouraged, in the words of the organisers, to but "A pound in the ground" as they pass through to the



Doors: see "Last chance"

Last chance . . .

THE German playwright Botho Strauss's Seven Doors - a surreal car's cradle of confrontations, forformly funny, mischievously menacing, amusingly abstruse — is spun gracefully enough by David Farr's direction to stop us asking what it is about. Some excellent acting turns this kaleidoscope of unconnected sketches into a revue on the theme of Angst, from a recent spicide discovering the banality of hell, to newlyweds bickering their way from bliss to resentfulness. The effect is like trying to escape from a series of jovial nightmares by play-ing with a television remote control. Well up to the usual standards in European theatre at the Gate in Notting Hill (071-229 0706), where it ends on Saturday.

LONDON EXHIBITIONS

Fine stuff for dream-weaving

New York Museum of Modern Art's epic "Primitivism in 20th-Century Art", insisted on the commen tions between the beginnings of modernism and what was then known as primitive art. The impact of African tribal and Oceanic sculpture on the work of Picasso in the early 1900s is well known, and

stein in this country, had inmontant collections. textiles in the development of abstraction has been remarked on much less. An ambitious new show, In Search of the Abstract, at an ambi-

the gap.

The show is devoted to textile works from two distinct cultures in Zaire, the Kuba and the Shoowa. It is misleading to describe them simply as textiles, since that implies that they are craft, intended to serve some practical use. In artists such as Klee, Matisse fact these pieces are works of and Klimt, all of whom collect-

John Russell Taylor on a show of African tribal textile pieces

that relates strongly to the work of Western abstract artists

prouid be understood European context. The Shoowa pieces in particular are pictures, with no other use than to be looked at, and are made by the artists of the tribe, this being their role in the life of the community, many key figures in the modmuch as Australian aborigines em movement, notably Ep-

ing pregnancy.

There is a long history of collecting Kuba texules in

Europe, documented back at

least as far as Cosimo de Medici. But they assumed more importance in the 20th

century, since they were appre-

ciated then not just as curios-

ities, but as living art with its

But the role of African tious new gallery, Berning and Daw-Fine Art, helps to fill in

art more or less as the term ed with enthusiasm. A visitor Bauhaus, where textile art was

much. In particular there are Kuba pieces which could come straight from the hand of Klee. The way in which applied curved shapes are pieced together across the whole square surface looks like a deliberate make paintings. The Kuba illustration of Klee's ideas on abstract design, satisfying for-mal criteria while retaining an textiles are sometimes mat-like objects, woven by men from stripped and treated palm-leaf informal, organic feeling. fibres, sometimes ceremonial That makes them seem, like dancing skirts made up from a Klee's paintings, as though patchwork of small squares they grew spontaneously out of embroidered by women durone serious yet playful

> which the Shoowa pieces we seem to move into a different, though not so far distant, area of European art. These tight and intricate designs of bars and checks and geometrical blotches, nearly all in a delicate range of auturmal browns, at once suggest the sophisticated textiles of the

taken as setiously as work in any other medium. There is also a later, no doubt more completely accidental, connec-

tion with Op Art. The ways in which the patterns are varied, the divisions widened or narrowed from part to part of the whole rectangular composition, un-doubtedly play, and are proba-bly intended to play, perception-altering tricks on the eye. The Kuba and Shoowa pieces date from the late 18th century to around 1940, and apparently the making continues up to the present, if perhaps not quite so unconsciously of outside influ-

ences as before. The other half of the big first-floor gallery space is given work of the Ndebele tribe of Southern Africa. This is clearly perceived as woman's art: the men were nomadic while the women stayed at home and

gallery has been painted in similar style by Joy Ayoade). Their other art works took the form mainly of beaded leather abrons, the simpler of which were worn every day and the more ornate and elaborate only on ceremonial occasions. Here there is a stronger

their huts (the interior of the

element of representation. The pattern, sometimes in vibrant colours, may represent houses and other objects from the maker's direct experience, or things derived from hearsay, like aeroplanes and electric The Ndebele pieces are the

more immediately decorative, but also slightly quaint. The Kuba and Shoowa pieces are very different quite severe and uncompromisingly abstract. For that reason they can stand happily beside the most sophisticated European art of the 20th century and look totally unabashed.

• In Search of the Abstract, at Beming and Daw Fine Art, 8 Flitcroft Street, London WC2 (071-497 9950) Tues- Fri 1 I am-6pm, Sat 11am-3pm, until Sept 12.

Decorative and slightly quaint: a ceremonial beaded apron, made by the women of the Ndebele tribe

Let's stay in for the play

n the stage, two glam-orous grannies are demonstration of "the trick". orous grannies are belting out the parts of Helen of Troy and Clytemnes-tra. In the wings sit two less glamorous grannies - their understudies, Phoebe and Regina. What goes on in their minds each night, as they wait for the actresses out there to faint, fall or die?

This was the question posed by Richard Crane's excellent comedy Understudies (Radio 3, Sunday). Phoebe (Dorothy Tutin) is so worked up at the idea of playing Helen that she herself almost faints in rehearsal. For her the theatre is

still pure magic.

Regina, or "Reg", takes a very different view. She has been understudying the same actress, "the Dame", for 25 years, and in all that time has never gone on; all she wants now is to finish her knitting and go to Sainsbury's next morning. She regards acting as just a trick, and herself as no more than "a library of the Dame's tricks".

Regina was Penelope Keith, and she and Turin played beautifully together. Tutin irrepressible in her enthusiasms. Keith puncturing them all with perfectly timed

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Once or twice Regina startled Phoebe, and is, by a. Also, such light humour is sudden, frightening show of better served by throwing reemotion - but each time it marks away than by giving came to a dead halt, and them the vigorous utterance

The only question left unanswered was how after years, presumably, of failure Phoebe had kept her girlish excitement. She wasn't young — in fact, if she had had a first world war soldier as her lover, as she claimed; she was almost impossibly old. That mystery apart, Understudies made a very funny, poignant hour,

ת he new Radio 4 classic ⋅

serial is Miss Marjo ribanks (pronounced, as we are firmly informed, "Marshbanks") by the Victorian writer Mrs Oliphant Lucilla (Teresa Gallagher) comes home from school to take care of her widowed father in Carlingford, and before long is frying to take care of the whole social life of the town. She introduces women into her father's merry dinners: she marches into the house of a singer she hears rehearsing, and soon finds pleaty of work for her to do.

The situation is not quite as dramatic as it might sound. because we get too many of the thoughts in Lucilla's head and not enough action - and when we do, everyone proves as weak as water before Lucilla's impetuous ways. over-emphasis is too often the Achilles heel of Radio 4 pro-Radio 5 is proving very professional in its occasional

drama spots. Sunday morning saw a version of a J.R.R. Tolkien story about Britain in the days before King Arthur, Farmer Giles of Ham. The eminently suitable narrator was Sir Michael Hordern, who by now has a voice that sounds as old as Cronos himself.

Tolkien did not put much effort into this story of giants and dragons, but there are good touches, as when a giant gets a bhinderbussful of old crockery in his eye from Farmer Giles (Brian Blessed) and thinks it is no more than a dragonfly's sting.

... There is also a good satirical scene, in which the knights are reluctant to do anything about fighting a dragon. They explain that they are too busy with the Christmas tournament at the moment, and after Christmas will come the New Year holiday, and then, of course, there's the Feast of

Best of all was the farmer's dog. played by Jonathan-Teller. He turned backs into words and yelps into "Help!"s until he really seemed a creature from the land of facty.

TELEVISION REVIEW

Seasoning the fun with a little seriousness

fewer than they were where are the Magnus Pykes and Barbara Woodhouses of today? — and less likely, in these days of satellite and video, to make a nationwide impression in the same way. More than mere self-promotion or idiosyncratic over-emphasis is required. Specialist, even arcane knowledge is an asset, and perhaps only Par-nck Moore and John McCrinck (of Channel 4 Racing), still qualify for the description, apart from Keith Floyd, who is at once the Fanny and Johnny Cradock

de nos jours.
Floyd en Spain (BBC 2),
which started its seven-week run last night, in Galicia, found our hero talking almost non-stop, walking almost nonstop and drinking wine, well, quite frequently. He and his cameraman Clive North, who was too frequently addressed and instructed, literally on camera, breathlessly explored this temperate region of northwestern Spain. All credit to his director.

Keith Pritchard, and editor, Ian Butcher, for the clarity of the resulting programme, but it has to be said that, while entertaining you, Floyd also teaches you a thing or two. whether you are aware of it or DERWENT MAY not As he swept past, anec-

rue popular eccentrics local traditions and apprecia-of the small screen are tion of the scenery came flying over his shoulder like chicken bones at a medieval banquet. The eyes were tempted to relax and enjoy the rain-washed beauty of the mountains, vineyards and seascapes,

but the ears were simultaneously tackling the whoosbes, bangs and thundering hooves of various fiestas and Floyd's own, stream-of-losing-consciousness, monologues. These were strong on local produce and the importance of freshness, but less confident on quantities and cooking times. He's no Delia Smith, then; and neither is he much like

that other television cook who always had wine on hand, Graham Kerr, the Galloping Gourmet. He does not venture into the ethnic territory marked out by Kenneth Lo and Madhur Jaffrey, nor does he play the star chef demon-strating trade secrets, such as the Roux brothers or Mosmann. For all his real knowledge,

Floyd is projected as a garru-lous, well-travelled "bloke", the cove in the corner of the saloon bar who just happens to have picked up a few good ideas while he has been away. Nothing fancy or effete about him — although did you notice he called the cameraman "dear" when he splashed the lens with water? Probably just one of his jokes. In his champi-



Keith Floyd: like Fanny and Johnny Cradock

oning of the plain and the means, ironically enough, the sophisticated "peasant" dishes currently most fashionable, Floyd is a world away from the likes of Hudson & Halls, dinner parties and "sweets" decorated with curls of chocolate.

His Galician cooking, prin-"unmucked-about", which cipally of fish and seafood, means, ironically enough, the with generous quantities of garlic and paprika, accurately reflected the region's strengths, but seemed unlikely to have mass appeal in Britain. Here, for the majority, fish have fingers and wear heavy brown overcoats, and garlic

on the breath of people you don't want to get to know. Serious recipe-followers will sit back and enjoy the trip (perhaps with a "slurp" of their own to hand), knowing that the accompanying book all the important but nontelevisual details which they need to recreate the dishes. Most of us have no intention of ever trying to cook Cocido

doing it authentically.

(yuk) is something you smell

I loyd's primary television function is, then, that of a gastronomic David Attenborough, trekking through the culinary guano on our behalf and offering a succession of would-youbelieve-it tales from abroad, to be repeated next day in the train or the pub: "Did you see those Spaniards, eating octopus and whole cloves of garlic? Disgusting! A snowball and a lager-and-blackcurrant please. Oh, and a bag of pickledonion flavour crisps."

Like a shrewd teacher, faced with a class of no-hopers, Floyd seasons his apparently shambolic jaunts with enough science to hook the imagination of those who are open to wider experiences and tastes. His is not landmark television. but it is a civilising influence.

TONY PATRICK

Thirty years of laughter



IF YOU want to see whether any of your kitchen equipment is considered a work of art, go to the Centre Pompi-dou in Paris.

There, well displayed in a Perspex case, you may find the small travelling iron in its tartan bag that you bought in the Sixties (and are still using), or the Braun coffee grinder that you bought last month.

The Pompidou Centre, or the Beaubourg as everybody calls it. has a vast exhibition on at the moment. It is called Manifeste - but in the meaning not so much of "manifesto" as of a ship's "manifest", a record of what it has on board. This exhibition brings out of store practically everything the Centre has collected in the spheres of art and design from the years 1960 to 1990.

Outside the Beaubourg on the square it is always fun, with the fireeaters and the acrobats: but inside, this time, it is fun too. The ground floor is entirely given over to "Design" (the same word in French), with the exhibits ranging from a complete aeroplane of 1960, a Mirage III E by Marcel Dassault. to a Philippe Starck lemon-squeezer of 1987 that is like a slim gothic

The story that this section illustrates is of the change, over the 30 years, from streamlined, functional design to a new outburst of personal fancy. The chairs alone tell the tale and there is a splendid collection of them, for it seems as though every designer feels the need to express himself through a chair. It is the index of modern design. There are Arne Jacobsen's soft Egg armchair. Verner Panton's Cone in metal. Gaetano Pesce's Dalila with enormous, chunky resin legs, Garouste and Bonetti's Barbaric Chair of leather and metal with wing decorations like a Viking's helmet. What scope for the human bottom!

Radical post-war art may have lost its power to shock,

but it can still

keep us amused, says Derwent May

display of the art of these 30 years, is also mostly fun. The fact is that the major art movements of this period - Pop Art, Arte Povera, minimal art, conceptual art — were all revolutionary attacks on us. attempts to grab our eyes violently and wrench them either into looking at new things, or looking differently at old things. Consequently they were taken very seriously at the time, both by their supporters and their many

bitter enemies. Now, however, their power to shock has faded. On the whole, they have done their work on our perceptions quite successfully; but they have not dislodged the great artists of the past, whose work remains as beautiful and moving as it ever was. We are neither overexcited by, nor afraid of Andy Warhol or Joseph Beuys or Gilbert and George any more; and we can see the witty or joky aspects of their inventiveness — what the critics all along, in fact, have called their

'ludic element". Go to the "conceptual art" section on the mezzanine floor of the Beaubourg, and you find that it is like a playground. Here, first, there is an installation by the American Dan Graham called Present Continuous Past(s). It is a small room with a hidden camera in it and a television screen, on which you suddenly see your head and face as they were a moment or two before, but slightly distorted and moving more slowly. It startles you and makes you laugh, and then you start

making faces which in a moment come back at you as well. There are queues of adults and children waiting to get into that room, attracted by the laughter coming from it.

Not far away is Attempt To Raise Hell by Denis Oppenheim. You are drawn to it by a periodic ringing sound, and you find that it consists of a small figure sitting on a low dais, who by some clockwork mechanism regularly knocks his head against a bell a few inches away. from him. The intervals between blows are just long enough to keep. you waiting nervously, and the blows come suddenly enough to make you laugh with relief and

perhaps at the same time get some shameful tingle of sadistic pleasure. You can go in the same way through the other sections, enjoying the humour and ingenuity of the works, without taking them too-seriously. And this, I think, is the right way to look at much of the art of these 30 years — what will survive of it is laughter.

t the Beaubourg itself, one is encouraged to see it in the perspective of a greater period of art by the presence on the fourth floor of the 1905-1960 collection, including the recent Matisse dation.

A dation is something accepted by the state in lieu of death duties, and this one consists of some striking works by Matisse himself, and others by artists such as Rouault and Cezanne, which were part of the estate of Matisse's son Pierre who died in 1989.

The architecture section completes the show. Here there is an extensive display of maquettes of buildings — but many visitors may feel by now that they want to go out and look at some of the real things in the city itself.

As the guide to the exhibition says, the Centre Pompidou itself is the



The Centre Pompidou with the current exhibition there is fun to be had inside as well as outside

one of the architects in the show, already mentioned as a designer: Philippe Starck's Café Costes in Les Halles, which has more designer chairs, and lavatories like shimmering green grottoes. (If however you want to get away from tourist food main exhibit in this department. It is not far from another real work by north of the Beaubourg to the

A t last year's Bayreuth Festival there was an exhibition called

'Should Wagner be an his-

torical monument?" It was a

pertinent question to be asked

there of all places, where the composer's works and his

memory have sometimes

seemed not so much venerat-

was the 25th anniversary of

death; and that struck some

This year's festival finds

Bayreuth at a crossroads, and

close to a crisis. The crisis

revolves round Wolfgang, the

other grandson of the com-

poser. He has ruled Bayreuth

singlehandedly — some would say despotically — since Wie-

land's death. During that

time his relations with the

rest of the family have steadily

deteriorated, reaching a cre-

scendo of bitterness for all to

people as more

impertinent.

grandson Wieland's

brasseries in the commercial district round the Arts et Métiers station.) Finally, to see a superb building by the new star of French architecture, Jean Nouvel, you must cross to the Left Bank, just opposite the Ile St Louis. Here stands the new Centre du Monde Arabe, whose windows are its most astonishing feature: they

look like intricate Arab mosaics, but in fact are a network of high-tech spertures that open and close in direct response to the degree of brightness outside. They feel like the perfect culmination of the Mani-

• Manifeste continues at the Centre Pompidou until November 9.

 AMSTERDAM: The show at the Van Gogh Museum gives an impression of the early reputation of van Gogh through letters of condolence which his mother and sisters received after his death from the young avant-garde artists of the time, such as Toulouse-Lautrer and Gauguin, as well as painters already renowned such as Monet and Pissarro. Van Gogh Museum, Paulus Potterstraat 7. Tel: (010 3120) 5705200. Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 1-5pm. Until Oct

 BAYREUTH: The Wagner festival continues with perforfestival continues with perior-mances of Tannhäuser, under the baton of the British con-ductor Donald Runnicles, Harry Kupfer's provocative staging of Der Ring des Nibelungen, conducted by Daniel Barenboim, and Dieter Dorn's production of Der fliegende Hollander.

Bayrente Festspielhaus, tickets from Kartenbüro, Postfach 10 02 62, D-8580, Bayrenth. Tel. (010 49) 92120221. Until Aug 28.

● PARIS: On August 20, postal booking opens for a new production of Roussel's opera-ballet, Padmāvati. Graham Vick will direct the cast including Philippe Rouillon, Jianyi Zhang, Martha Senn and Marine Mahe.

Opéra de Paris-Bastille, 120 Rue de Lyon. Tel: (010 331) 44731300. Nov 3, 5, 9, 12, 14, 17, 21, 23, 28, Dec 2. Telephone booking opens on Oct 7.

 STOCKHOLM: The Royal Swedish Opera presents the premiere of A Dream Play, Ingvar Lidholm's opera based on Strindberg, Hillevi Mar-tinpelto, Eva Österberg, Hakan Hagegard, Tord Wal-ström, Brid Tobiasson head the cast: Djell Ingebretsen conducts.

Royal Swedish Opera, Jakob-storg, Tel: (010 468) 248240. Sept 12, 14, 18, 21, 23.



Barenboim: see Bayreuth, and opera features left

TOULOUSE: Inaugurated in 1978, this month-long festival is devoted entirely to the celebration of the piano. An impressive series of concerns take place in the Clottre des Jacobins, including planned recitals by Martha Argerich. Michel Béroff, Leon Fleisher and Yefim Bronfman.

Information: 61 rue de la Pomme, 3100 Toulouse, tel (010 33) 61224005/-61110222, Aug 28-Sept 25

♦ VIENNA: The KunstHaus-Wien presents a show entitled Caricature and Satire: Five Hundred Years of Critical Drawing. Beginning with the year 1500 the show comprises 400 works by artists such as Leonardo da Vinci. Pieter Brueghel the Elder, William Hogarth, Picasso, Cocteau, Magritte and others. KunstHausWien, Untere Weissgerberstrasse 13. Tel: (010 431) 7120495. Daily

10am-7pm. Aug 20-Oct 18.

KARI KNIGHT

Turbulence behind the scenes this summer in the world of European opera: whatever is going on at the Bastille and in Bayreuth?

Trooping out after Barenboim

f the Paris Opera is short flying civil servant, made no of a libretto, it could do bones about his conflict with worse than set to music the squabbling and infighting which has plagued its management almost since President Mitterrand and his friends conceived the idea of a new national company a de-

The latest eruption of bad blood to break out of the postmodern fortress on the Bastille was the resignation this month of Philippe Bélaval, the director-general and third in the chain of command after its president. Pierre Bergé, and general administrator. Georges-François Hirsch. His resignation followed those of the director of productions, the scenic director and the director

Bélaval, a 36-year-old high-

Berge, the former boss of the Yves St Laurent empire who last hit the non-operatic headlines when he sacked Daniel Barenboim from his job as musical director in early 1989, months before the grand opening of the new Bastille.

In a letter which he distributed to the media. Belaval accused Berge of undercutting his authority by reaching a private accord with the opera's unions to postpone a deadline for a new contract. He also attacked him for tolerating what he said was a campaign for his dismissal by Myung-Whun Chung, the South Ko-Barenboim as musical

The event which precipitat-

ed the dispute was the collapse lippe Bélaval. I would have of scenery which killed a member of the chorus and injured 20 others during a rehearsal of Verdi's Otello at the Teatro de la Maestranza in Seville late last month. The accident forced the postponement of the opening, planned next month, of a staged version of Honegger's oratorio Jeanne d'Arc au Bûcher. In-

stead, the new season will start

with Mozart's Marriage of Figaro on September 24. The accident served to worsen the already bad labour relations at the Bastille, which has been plagued by strikes and stoppages for the past two years. Bergé, who is now hunting for a new director who succeeded general, has been playing down Bélaval's departure. "He's a very nice fellow, Phi-

preferred him to stay on...but its better to lose a director-general than a musical director." Barenboim recently pinned

the trouble on the failure to start with new industrial relations when they moved the main opera from the Palais Garnier. They took everything from

Garnier to the Bastille as if the only thing wrong at Garnier was the walls, which was not the case. Nothing was renegotiated, nothing was re-dis-cussed. They took all the old bad habits that have been accumulating and perfecting themselves in Garnier for a little over a century and brought them to the Bastille."

CHARLES BREMNER

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Competition Winners

Veuve Clicquot (July 11)

the huxury weekend break. Normal Times competition rules apply. TODAYS QUESTION: Unlike Inspector Morse,

Simenon's Maigret does occasionally admit to a christian name. What is it?

first correct answer drawn on

Thursday, August 20, will win

THE River Lot runs through the countryside far inland from Bor-



Henderson, Newport, Gwent, who receives a weekend for two in Reims. Runners-up receive a bottle of Veuve Clicquot: Graeme Bruce, Torryburn. Fife, Paul Daly, Quinton, Birmingham; C K Loh, Hadleigh, Essex; C D Makey, Palgrave, Suffolk. Mrs V A Middlebrook, Knaresborough, Yorks; Mrs J Nielson, Salterton, Devon; A J Rust Billingham, Cleveland; R Stilliard, Southall, Middlesex; G H Thistlethwaite. Chorley: N Widdowson, Ful-

Tasting luxury

deaux. Les Loges de l'Aubergade, in the Relais & Châteaux group, is a great gastro-nomic centre and hotel in this region. It is in the fortified village of Puymirol, and has been converted into a hotel by its owner, Michel Trama, a master-chef who specialises in dishes that keep all their natural flavour. Typical Trama dishes are his terrine of

leeks with truffle, and his polenta with snails. Golf, tennis, riding and fishing are all available, together with excur-sions along the rivers and through the vineyards. Not far to the north is the wine town of Cahors, in which you can find what is always called France's most beautiful bridge, the

Pont Valentré on the Lot-

dating from the 14th-

saw a new Cosima

ed as embalined. The precise occasion of that exhibition mother having been sent packing by a denazification court) to promote a kinder, gentler Wagnerism. For 15 years. Wieland was the artistic head of the "New Bayreuth" - and revolutionised. opera production - while his vounger brother was in charge of administration. It truly was a golden age, not so much because of Wieland's. theatrical evolution as because of singers and conductors who still make the mouth water, from Flagstaid to Windgassen to Hotter to Knappertsbusch. Since then there has been a decline, for which Wolfgang can't be en-

see in the German press this tirely blamed. Wolfgang's father, Sieg-There are still:fine Wagner fried Wagner, had charge of Bayreuth in the 1920s, albeit singers, not least British ones: Anne Evans is the Brümshilde in the shade of his mother, and John Tomlinson the Wagner's widow Cosima. Both Cosima and Siesfried Wotan in the Bayreuth Ring production which is seen for died in 1930, and the Festival the last time this month. But was run for another 12 years the only really enticing name by Siegfried's widow Winiamong the conductors this fred, an Englishwoman by birth a passionate friend and summer is Donald Runnicles, also British, and until recently rather neglected in this country. For the rest — the Ring, under Barenboim, Parsifal

supporter of Hitler's by After 1945 Bayreuth's imunder Levine, Der fliegende age needed, to put it delicately, some cosmetic treatment, Hollander under Sinopoli --and in 1951 the festival was if these are great Wagner reopened by the brothers Wieconductors then I'm a flying land and Wolfgang (their Dutchman

gang and his relations with the rest of the large Wagner clan After his brother's death in 1966, Wolfgang took over artistic as well as administrative responsibility, and began to movid Bayreuth to his will and in his own image. He first edged out Wielaud's widow Gertrud. Wieland's son Wolf-

Siegfried, or "Wummi", is a producer who has worked in many opera houses, but not Bayreuth. The last time he set foot there, he was ejected from the canteen by his uncle in brutal fashion, his mother says. Even Wolfgang's own son, Gottfried, is included in the Hausverbot, and has to content himself with lecturing on his great-grandfather. To mark the 1976 centenary of the Ring, Wolfgang Wagner divorced his first wife

and married his press secretary, Gudrun, by whom he has a daughter. The girl can scarcely yet inherit the fourth generation, but the suspicion is widely bruited that Wolfgang sees Gudrun (and she sees herself) as the "new Cosima". Since Wolfgang is 73 - and since Cosima outlived Wagner by 47 years this is not a prospect which fills the rest of the family with joy. They will certainly put a stop to it if they can find the means to do so.

> GEOFFREY WHEATCROFT

Geoffrey Wheatcroft is writing a book about Bayreuth and the Wagner family

GERMAN DRAWINGS

Romance in the hills and forests

B etween 1810 and 1850 more than 1,000 German artists lived in Rome and the surrounding countryside, where they tried to counter the onslaught of the modern age and all its social and political tensions with dreams of spiritual renewal.

However, their attempt to revive German religious art by imitating Raphael's purity and Durer's profundity was somewhat heavyhanded. Their canvases tend to be ponderous and sentimental, not least because they were better at handling contours than colour. They were draughtsmen rather than painters, and their drawings are all the more enchanting for not being weighed down by religious fervour.

A hundred drawings by the German Romantics, from a private German collection, are now on view at the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. Whether they wandered the wooded hills around Olevano, a village in which they congregated, or whether they im-



Landscape near Rome by Heinrich Dreber, 1848

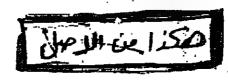
mersed themselves in the depths of the German forest back at home, reality is always transfigured in their Johann Christian Rein-

back to the mythical world of Claude, but Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld and Franz Horny present a more pedestrian Arcadia. Peasants and pilgrims replace nymphs and goddesses and the pagan Campagna becomes the sethardt's Classical Landscape with Trees and Temples harks

ting for biblical scenes. The same escapism can be found in the North where artists such as Moritz von Schwind and Adrian Ludwig Richter draw on medieval romance and the German fairytale world. Even in the genre scenes, the shady side of life is never allowed to disturb the Biedermeier cosiness; and the artists barely hint at the demonic forces of Romanticism which figure so promi-nently in the literature of the

There is a touching modesty about these delicate composi-tions, and for all their pedantic qualities they have a musicality reminiscent of Schubert lieder. The exhibition at the Fitzwilliam is a rare opportunity to see examples of this quintessentially German art. which has been sadly neglected in England

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Women are embracing Islam but some reject interpretations of the Koran that subjugate them. Linda Grant reports

Unveiling the new Muslim



Under cover: Muslim women, their faces and bodies covered, meet on a bench in Marrakech. Some believe that veiling is a male distortion of medieval theology

English. Her mother was a Calvinist, her Six years ago she became a Muslim: "I became interested in Islam through talking to friends and following that up with my own reading," she says. 'I discovered that it was something I was completely comfortable with."

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Now a trustee of the Calamus Foundation, which promotes understanding between Muslims. Christians and an often hostile British public that Islam is not a religion which seeks to oppress women into medieval subservience to men. "To some extent it is a stereotype Islam has helped to create." she concedes. "The veil is pre-Islamic but men have serzed the theology and tried to subvert it but anyone who reads the Koran with an open mind will see that these are cultural accretions."

Mrs Risaluddin wrote to The Times in response to Matthew Parris's piece on Muslim women (Still the world's outcasts", August 10) to say that while she agreed that the oppression of Muslim women by Muslim men, "in some societies and to varying degrees", was an important human rights issue, the debate concerning women and Islam had already begun.

The British view of Muslim prejudice, with hasty conclusions drawn from sightings of a different culture in shops, in. the street but rarely from conversation. "In this view, all families are extended, children respect their elders, religious faith is total and unquestioning and women are veiled creatures living in the shadows." writes Yasmin Ali in a new collection of essays, Refusing Holy Orders: Women and Fundamentalism in Britain to be published by Virago on September 3. Yet just as Christianity, as a religion, can encompass the bearded patriarchs of Greek Russian Orthodoxy, have to pay for that it a stricter

-Roman Catholicism with its celibate priesthood and Amermall churches, so Islam is far from being a monolithic bomogenous faith imposing a single culture on its millions of

In Saudi Arabia, the strictest Islamic country, a form of sexual apartheid is imposed in which women are never permitted to be seen by a man who is not a member of the immediate family. But there are also powerful Saudi busihow to work inside the system

Turkey, however, is a secular state where, despite the country's poor human rights record, women at least enjoy equal status with men. Nonetheless, Islamic law allows men to marry up

to four wives and will. In court, one is equal to that of

women in INO WOIDED. their place' . Some women Bosnia are blonde blue-eved

drink alcohol, eat pork, fight alongside men and are Muslims too. They abandoned the veil at the turn of the century and date their faith back to conversion of Ottoman Emcentury. "The Serbians would like to portray them as wild Shi'ite fundamentalists." Dr Mark Wheeler, a lecturer in Balkan history at London University's School of Slavonic and Eastern European Studies, says. "But for the Bosnian Muslims, their religion is their only form of national identity. They aren't Serbs and they aren't Croats and being Mus-

lims is the only thing they've got to hold on to." Dr Wheeler suggests that if the West does nothing, the Bosnian Muslims will turn for help to their co-religionists in the Middle East and Arab world. And the price they may adherence to a fundamentalist Islamic way of life. Yet even before the war,

there was an Islamic revival in Bosnia. As the Yugoslavian dream of a non-partisan communist state went wrong, everyone wanted an identity, according to Cornelia Sarabji, an anthropologist at the School of Oriental and African Studies, who has worked in Bosnia. "People who'd never fasted during Ramadan did so, the mosques were packed. Some young women volun-tarily wore headscarves and long robes, others still liked the idea of being modern and understood Islam in different ways. But freedom to practice

their religion was a nonern idea to them," she says. "Now they feel rejected The aim by Europe and we has been shall return to the idea that Islam is to keep not a European

> Muslim feminist writers living in the West, such as Rana Kabbani in Britain and Lella Ahmed and Riffat Hassan in the US, are challenging what they see as a patriarchal interpretation of

the Koran. But at the same time, Islam is enjoying an unprecedented rise in popularand interest among young Moslim immigrants in Gita Sahgal, the co-editor of Refusing Holy Orders and a member of Women Against

Fundamentalism, a group formed from a variety of religious backgrounds, says that Bangladeshi women in the East End of London are starting to wear head scarves. which is not a tradition in the villages from which they came. Ms Ali points to a kind of ofessional/office worker look" of scarfing which she believes to be derived more from the Middle East than the Indian subcontinent from which these-women's parents

immigrated and which resem-

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Feminists say that the veil

strips women of their identity

but fundamentalism is on the

increase world-wide, and not

just among Muslims, Ms Sahgal warns. "In a world full of uncertainty, racism, divorce,

it promises to keep people safe,

telling them there is safety in

the group, the family and the

and conventions harden into

Islam needs a Reformation.

But a heterogeneous faith

Velling among young Muslim women may be a statement of identity in a hostile and racist world, says Mrs Risaluddin: "It says to the world. I'm not just any old Asian, I'm a Muslim." For some young Aslan women it may also be a form of rebellionagainst the commercialisation of women's bodies in Western culture, a stand taken against pomography, sexual harassment and rape. Enveloped in a veil or with their hair hidden by a scarf, robes down to the they avoid being a sex

Object.
Veiling is said to protect. women from the male gaze from the incitement of lust. This distorted view of "liberation" derives from patriarchy. Mrs Risaluddin says. "A male medieval theology has been exploited to keep women in

The veil itself can take many different forms. Bedouin women of the desert need to be protected from the ravages of the climate and their veils are voluminous, more like hoods. Under Saudi law, the veil must be kept on at all times; some women do not even remove them to sleep. In the Yemen the veil is more like a decorative mask, covered with coins and silver tassels which give a precise value of a woman's worth. In some desert areas the veil gives way to elaborate face painting with thick, brightly coloured pastes, which serves the purpose of painting may even be a juvenlle phase from which women

graduate to veiling. Inevitably, the existing rationale for continuing to wear the veil is complex. When women work in the fields they are not of a higher social caste. During the Iranian revolution previously Westernised women took to wearing the chador, an all-encompassing black garment, both as a

Make birth a safer bet?

What screening by blood test can, and cannot, tell about a baby

so much on who you are but where you are and how much you know.
 Professor Nicholas Wald, of St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, thinks that routine blood screening could give pregnant women more information about their statistical chances of having a Down's syndrome

Only a handful of hospitals finduding Bart's and Addenprooke's, in Cambridge) offer this service free as normal antenatal care. Other preg-nant woman have to pay £50 for the test

(known as the Triple Marker, be-We get a cause it can also indicate the possilot of bility of neural tube defects and mothers spina bifida) and will have to perringing us suade a midwife or GP to get a blood sample to who want the hospital within 48 hours of it a yes or no being taken. The test measures the level of alpha-feto answer' protein

oestriol (low in Down's babies) plus human chorionic gonadotrophin (high in Down's babies) in conjunction with the woman's age group to give a "screen positive" or "screen negative". A "screen positive" means

that the woman may have a one in 250 or greater chance of having a Down's baby, a higher risk, and she will be advised to have amniocentesis (the test for Down's and other ahnormalities which involves drawing fluid from the womb and which carries a risk of miscarriage). A "screen negative" means she may have a one in 250 or less chance, a lower

it has been said, in order to

allow the light of reason into

superstitious beliefs and habits

with no contemporary ratio-

nale. It seems unlikely that the

revolution in women's lives

will leave untouched the

young women growing up in Britain today whose only links

with their country are an

occasional visit. And with

Muslim immigrants spread-

ing throughout Europe, Islam

cannot remain an alien East-

em religion. As it collides with

Western ways of life, it has two

options: open hostility between

women's different status.

According to Anne Kennard, the screening coordinator at Bart's, a "screen positive" woman has never been refused amniocentesis on the NHS, whatever her age. The Triple Marker offers statistical possibilities, not predictions; it picks up only two out of three Down's bables.

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good birth depends not if I had wanted one), a friend told me of the Bart's test. My community midwife - unaware of the Triple Marker's existence - asked me for details of the procedure to pass on to other pregnant women

The test is done at about 16 weeks, and the results take about a week. Ms Kennard says that staff spend a long time talking to women about their results, especially those advised that they may be highrisk. "We stress that 'positive' doesn't necessarily mean Down's syndrome, although amniocentesis might now be considered," she

MOUTH SIE ITHOU positive result which an amniocentesis might disprove. So there is no need to panic." But people do panic - which is why the Bart's team automatical ly contacts the community midback-up support.

Anna the director of the Down's syndrome Association, questions the quality of such help. "We get a lot of mothers ringing us after the Triple Marker who don't understand it is a screening and not a yes or no answer. Doctors or screeners might think they have explained but people are very confused at this time."

The association claims to have had several calls from mothers given a low-risk result who subsequently gave birth to Down's babies. Ms Kennard accepts that the system is far from fool-proof but insists We are trying to provide better information about the manistical risks without the risk of miscarriage which accompanies amniocentesis."

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Urban renewal pulled out of a HAT

Tenants in Liverpool last week voted to form the country's third Housing Action Trust. Rachel Kelly reports on the progress of the first such scheme

ora Short may seem an unlikely candidate for publicity. An 80-yearold council tenant, she lives in an undistinguished ground-floor flat in a semi-detached, red-brick house on the North Hull estate. But earlier this year, Sir George Young, the housing minister popped in for a cup of tea and a photo opportunity. Council chiefs from around the country view Mrs Short's blue and white tiled kitchen with interest Local government newsletters and the local press run regular features on her. There is even talk of Prince

And why all this attention? Because the lady is the first of 6,000 residents to have her house refurbished under the government's Housing Action Trust scheme. Those in the housing world call them HATs, and last week the inhabitants of 67 tower blocks in comprising homes, voted overwhelmingly to form Britain's third and biggest trust HATs, it seems, are

Critics say finally taking off. It has taken more say more than four years. The scheme was started money under the 1988 Housing Act. The idea was is needed to wrest control of some of the country's

most run-down estates and hand them over to private boards as part of the government's wider plan of scaling down the role of local authorities. New bodies, ministers thought, would be better than local authorities at running housing.

The government was caught on the hop, however, by tenant loyalty to local authorities. Tenants said no to HATs in six estates singled out by the government in 1989, fearing that their security of tenure would be at risk or that rents would rise. Only in the south London borough of Southwark did plans get as iar as a vote, but they were rejected by 80 per cent of tenants amid accusations that left-wing activists had scared tenants out of their wits and out of a HAT. Plans were abandoned; faces were red.

The scheme was consigned to the dust heep of council history until Hull City Council came to the government's rescue. To universal surprise, the Labour council, led by Pat Doyle, the pragmatic and politically astute council leader, and John Black, chairman of the council's housing committee, applied to set up a HAT, realising that the funds earmarked for earlier trusts

were still lying in government coffers, up for grabs.

The deal was very much on the city's terms. The government's original idea was that HATs should he for the worst estates, but it was persuaded to create a trust in north Hull, even though the estate was in

moderately good condition.

Mr Doyle also insisted that the HAT should have the option to revert to local authority control and that tenants would not have to pay rent rises until their homes were

Hull council drummed up sup-port for the scheme, and Mr Doyle and local councillors ran a "Vote Yes campaign. Council support for a HAT was the key difference in Hull compared with the negativity of other councils, the environment department says.

Waitham Forest, in east London, has now followed Hull's example and, under the scheme, £170 million is to be spent over eight to ten blocks are to be demol

ished and replaced houses and Both councils saw

the chance of tapping into government resources for refurbishment, although critics argue that neither esoriginal aim of HATs, which was to

target the most run-down and poorly maintained estates rather than the semi-detached, red-brick terraced houses typical of Hull. However, thanks to their HAT, North Hull council tenants have

£50 million of government money to spend over five years on refurbishment. The council has handed over control of 2.084 homes to the newly formed trust, which has bought the houses with govern-ment money. The HAT board has 11 members and is chaired by David Liggins, a management consultant. Three seats have been given to members of the local authority, two to residents of the estate, one to a housing academic and others to local businessmen

. As well as being responsible for renovation, the trust board acts as landlord, responsible for setting and collecting rents and regenerating the estate with community projects and job-creation schemes. After refurbishment, expected to take five years, residents will vote on their future landlord, with the option of a return to council control.

Mrs Short says. "It's much warmer Meanwhile, tenants like Mrs



Before: houses (above) at North Hull estate and (top) works starts

Short are having fun doing up their homes with the help of Wimpey, which has been appointed the main builder on the first area to be renovated. Showing off her refur-bished home, she says: "This is great isn't it? The flat seems so much bigger now."

Inside the flat where she has lived for the past 15 years, the bathroom has a new suite and is fully tiled. The kitchen has new units, the walls are papered and the floors have new carpets. There is also a new gas fire, wall-mounted lights, insulation, and double-glazed windows. An new intercom links to a warden charged with looking after elderly residents.

"I can't describe the difference,"

than it used to be. It used to be terribly cold in the bedroom and .the bathroom used to have damp." All the colours and designs were chosen by Mrs Short. Each resident was given a set of points on a menu to spend on housing features of

their choice at design weekends and interviews at their homes with the community housing officers from the 26-member HAT staff. The housing features are on show in the ten show homes on the North Hull estate. There are labels stuck to walls, kitchen units and carpets. points the object represents in a budget that the residents have to spend. Most expensive in points terms, taking up the entire allocation, is a single-storey extension of 8



"The council never paid us this kind of attention," Mrs Short says. Tenants were even asked for their choices over small items such as installing a rear-door canopy, or veneered internal doors, and HAT staff were available to answer

The estate has been split into five areas, and the trust has staggered work starts on each area. Work on the final area will not begin until 1995, so builders have started emergency roof repairs to prevent



further deterioration. The houses are two-storied, some split into two flats. Some residents have to move out temporarily while work is in progress. Families that live on both floors move to one floor while work takes place.

The picture is rosy. Three other HATs, in Birmingham, Tower Hamlets and Brent, are now being planned, and Liverpool's recent resounding vote of confidence in the scheme will add impetus for more

But critics abound. HATs are McKechnie, director of Shelter, feels that HATs, along with other government schemes such as Estate Action and City Challenge, mask the low level of overall government spending on housing by focusing

Christmas tree, these are the baubles and bright lights. The tree itself is having severe difficulty." Public expenditure on housing in England has nearly halved from £8.145 million in 1979 to £4,466 million in 1991-1992. The number of homes built for those on low incomes has fallen from 86,000 in 1980 to 22.854 in 1991, according

to the Institute of Housing. Money should be targeted at needy councils. Ms McKechnie HATs. The government's reply is that the problems on some estates can be solved only through HATs. with their mix of public, private and tenant participation. Mrs Short

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Ms Paterson tries to give a bespoke holiday service, at-tempting to meet individual needs, where possible. Most of the properties are at the upper end of the scale, in size and cost, although Woolbarn Cottage in the Cotswolds, which sleeps four, can cost as little as £270 a week.

Half of the Blandings properties, however, can be rented for about £2,000 a week. Chy An Eglos, a Georgian house overlooking St Michael's Mount in Cornwall, for example, sleeps 12 and bas a heated indoor swimming-pool

A big family seeking aristo-cratic splendid isolation, and not shy of spending £2,995 for a week, need look no further than Eilean Aigas near Inverness. This stands on its own island in the middle of the Beauly, famous for its salmon fishing, sleeps 16 and has a swimming-pool and two staff Or they might consider Brandsby Hall, in the village of Brandsby, 15 miles north of York. The Georgian house sleeps 16 and costs £2,750. a week in high season.

The reasons for letting a house, or part of one, are varied. For some owners, it is a useful way to earn income on a second house that would otherwise stand empty most of the year. Others let a part of their house because since the children have left home, they need the extra money more than the

Jenny Swinley enjoys it She and her husband, a retired naval officer and now a fruit farmer, have been letting a wing of their late 18th-century Cotswold house for the past seven years through English Country Cottages. The inherited house was too big for them but they wanted to make use of it, so they converted it themselves in create the self-figures holding un.

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Warden Abbey: £468

contained Broughtons cottage, which is available all year round. Mrs Swinley likes the visitors it brings to their part of rural Gloucestershire.

English Country Cottages (ECC) has been operating since 1977. The range of its 2,000 properties belies the company's name. While many of the genuine article are on offer, sleeping two or four. there are also some larger houses that can accommodate up to 20 guests. .

Carolyn Groombridge of ECC noticed that the fashion for domestic holidays was aided by the Gulf war effect last year as people preferred not to travel abroad. This year the company has found its toric buildings, but to encour-

The trust now has a rental portfolio of nearly 140 unusua "house of correction", and even the buildings on Lundy Island, including a 13th-century castle.

The trust restores any buildings it buys with money from donations, legacies and occasionally grants. All are remarkable in some way, either architecturally, historically or for their position. Modern conveniences include plumbing, electricity and heating. They are furnished modestly but comfortably and each is provided with books about the neighbourhood and maps of the immediate area. Once sympathetic but functional restoration is complete, the property earns its keep by being rented.

Stephen and Tina Feast were looking for "something different, when they heard about the trust from friends. They looked through the trust's detailed guide to its properties to find "somewhere not too far from home, but at the same time remote".

This turned out to be Warden Abbey, Bedfordshire, built in 1537 on the site of a 12thcentury abbey. In the middle of a field, it has a Tudor chimney too high for the size of the present house and incongruous crenellations, both of which hint at what was there before. Inside is an early 16th-century fireplace, oriel window, spiral staincase, a moulded oak ceiling and even a buttress from the original church. High season rental is £468. Dr Feast says: "I remember the sun coming through the window in the morning, the wonderful walks and eating dinner in the

baronial grandeur." The oddities the trust has on offer read like a guide to British architecture from the Middle Ages to the mid-19th century and are too numerous to mention individually. From Palladio to the peculiar, a 19th-century mill to a Napoleonic Martello Tower, the trust has enough variety to satisfy

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A week in Provence

f you take MPs to be the arbiters of taste, renting a house in Tuscarry has finally gone out of fashion. For years, Chiantishire, as Tuscan second-home owner John Mortimer christened it in his novel. Summer's Lease, reigned supreme. Neil Kinnock patronised the palio in Siena. Norman Lamont habitually rents a house. English chattering-class accents dominated the watering holes of Siena, Florence, Lucca and Pisa, Volvos blocked the roads and English bambini looked pale in the piazzas. But this year, politicians are

finding pastures new, chiefly in France: and when there, chiefly in the South. John Smith, the new Labour leader, will divide his time between Scotland and France. Michael Howard, the environment secretary, has been worrying staff about installing a fax in his gite. Gillian Shepherd, employment secretary. David Mellor, heritage secretary, and Peter Lifley, social security secretary, are all heading to France. Others seem to be following the politicians' cue and forsaking chianni for champagne: Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and Maurice Saatchi to name but two. The only exception is Mr Lamout,

who stays loyal to Tuscany. The burgeoning popularity of Provence is thanks, in part, to Peter Mayle-inspired fantasies of summer months spent sipping pastis in a café in Menerbes, and in part to its accessibility and the growing cost of flights to Italy.

A high-season, return air

ticket to Italy would cost about £200, with car hire at around £200 a week. Insurance firms in Europe insist that those with more than three children must hire a van, which puts up the cost even further and annoys many who have left their Volvos at home. The popularity of Provence

is also a reflection of an increase in the number of suitable houses for rent that match the comfort of their Tuscan Counterparts. The



Luxury let: a Riviera Retreats villa in Cannes

finding suitabe accommo-

The Tuscan rental market has been in existence longer. says Edward Marquis from International Chapters, a firm that specialises in letting villas in the hills above Lucca.

"it's really been quite difficult to find good quality houses to rent in Provence until now. Traditionally, the French haven't let out their homes, and tend to live in them all the year. The Italians, though, seem to

over the place, and don't live in their Tuscan casties and farmhouses all year It is not that the French are un-

have houses all

aware of the profits to be made from letting, more

that there are legal complications for the many who are not owner-occupiers. In contrast, Tuscans wanting to let their properties are helped by the government. Suzanne Camp-bell, of Sovereign Villas Italia. says: "If the local people want to set up in tourism, they are helped by considerable state

In the past, most of the houses for rent in France were either simple gites, dotted around the countryside, or d'Azur, with farmhouses and country seats in between, chiefly to be found in the pages of the Sunday newspapers. Companies such as Brittany Ferries, Gites de France and Thomas Cook specialise in the eite market, and there are letting agents such as Riviera Repeats for rented accommodation in the South.

Gites have their critics. In certain parts of France, notably the overcrowded Côte d'Azur, they are often little more than pur-

pose-built rabbit hutches made of Others concrete blocks. built to a very seem to be basic standard and strictly forsaking regulated.
"Roquebrune" chianti for

is superior to many of the gites champagne to let. It is a modern, semi-detached house in the small

village of Quartier Fournel in the Var area of Provence, one of three holiday homes around a courtyard and patio. A simple building with whitewashed interiors, the house includes an open-plan living room and dining area, kitchen, two bedrooms - one double and one twin - a shower room, garden furniture and electric heating. Inside, the furnishings are described as "tasteful and erand villas on the Côte practical" by Brittany Ferries.

The gite costs £528 for two weeks, which works out at £132 a person in a party of four between August 14 and 27. During September, the price falls to £111 a person for the first ten days of the month, then drops to £93 a person until September 25. Then the price remains at £82 a person until May 14, 1993.

Prices increase if the party is fewer than four people, and include return car-ferry

Riviera Retreats is based at Mougins Le Haut, near Cannes. Its selection of houses tend to include the use of a gymnasium. One house, to rent for up to £90,000 a month, stands on the water's edge in Villefranche and has its own private quay, with what Richard Wolf from the company describes as full security and staff". His is a world for those who flit between the Cannes film festival and the Monaco Grand Prix, the successors of the aristocratic sybarites who first popularised life on the Riviera in

For those in search of quieter villas in the Provençal countryside behind the coast. Mr Marquis has just begun to offer houses for rent in Provence. "We are reflecting the demand," he says. Next year, he will have a 100 or so houses for rent, whereas this year he has only 20 properties on his books. Some come from English owners who have failed to sell but who want extra cash during the recession: others come from French householders who are realising that there are profits to be made.

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The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in answering a question submitted to it by the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court, for a preliminary ruling on the interpretation of article 7(1)(a) of Council Directive No 79/7 EEC of December 19, 1978 on the progressive im-plementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women in matters of social security (OJ 1979 L6 p24).

Article 4(1) of the Directive provided, inter alia, that the principle of equal treatment means that there shall be no discrimination whatsoever on ground of sex either directly, or indirectly by reference in particular to marinal or family status in particular as concerns — the scope of the schemes and the conditions of access thereto; — the obligation to contribute and the calculation of

Article 7(1)(a) of the Directive allowed member states to exclude from the scope of the Directive the determination of personable age for the purposes of granting oldage and retirement pensions and the possible consequences thereof for other benefits.

In the United Kingdom all employers and the majority of the working population, whether em-ployed or self-employed, were li-able to pay contributions to the national social security scheme, membership of which was compulsary. compulsory.

The Social Security Act 1975 made provision for the collection of national insurance contributions and for the payment of benefits. Benefits might be "contributory". subject to the payment of contribu-tions, or non-contributory, funded by general taxation, Contributory benefits included the

basic retirement pension. In order to qualify for a basic pension a person must have at-tained pensionable age and have

satisfied the conditions laid down concerning contributions. Section 27(1) of the 1975 Act defined pensionable age as 00 for mean mass 60 for women. Contributions were payable by workers throughout their working life as defined by nable age as 65 for men and section 27(2) of the 1975 Act.

The Equal Opportunities Com-mission sought, first, a declaration that the United Kingdom state pension scheme unlawfully discriminated against men on the ground of their sex, in as much as it required men to pay contribu-tions for 44 years and women for 39 years in order to qualify for the same full basic retirement pension. and in as much as a man working between the ages of 60 and 64 paid contributions whereas a woman in the same situation did not; and second, a declaration that not and second, a declaration that the Secretary of State for Social Security was in breach of the obligation laid down in article 5 of the Directive requiring member states to take the necessary measures to ensure that any discriminatory provisions falling within the scope of the Directive were abolished.

The High Court, before rating on the EOC's application, submitted a preliminary question to the European Court on the interpretation of article 7(1)(a) of the

In its judgment the European Court of Justice ruled: It was common ground both in the proceedings in the High Court submitted to the European Court that the application of the contributory pension scheme concerned in the main proceedings gave rise to the two forms of discrimination between men and

women described in the order for

reference.

By its question the High Court sought to ascertain whether those forms of discrimination, which were in principle contrary to article 4(1) of the Directive, were nonetheless temporarily permissible by virtue of the power conferred upon member states by article 7(1)(a) to derogate from the Directive by fixing different pensionable ages for men and women for the purposes of granting old-age and etirement pensions.

The question therefore was whether that power of derogation merely allowed men and women to be treated unequally with respect to the moment at which they become entitled to a pension or whether it also covered other legislative and financial consequences flowing from a different pensionable age, such as the obligation to contribute until that age.

Since the text of the derogation referred to "the determination of pensionable age for the purposes of granting old-age and retirement pensions", it was clear that it concerned the moment from The text did not, however, refer expressly to discrimination in respect of the extent of the obligation to contribute for the purposes of the pension or the calculation

Such forms of discrimination therefore fell within the scope of the derogation only if they were found to be necessary in order to achieve the objectives which the Directive was intended to pursue by allowing member states to retain a different pensionable age for men and women.

Although the preamble to the Directive did not state the reasons for the derogations which it laid down, it could be deduced from the nature of the exceptions contained in article 7(1) that the Community legislature intended to allow memthe advantages accorded to women with respect to retirement in order to permit them progressively to modify their pension systems in that respect without disrupting the complex financial equilibrium of those systems, the importance of which could not be ignored.

In a system such as the one concerned in the main proceed-ings, whose financial equilibrium was based on men contributing for a longer period than women, a different pensionable age for men and women could not be maintained without altering the existing financial equilibrium, unless such inequality with respect to the also maintained.

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Life sentence policy lawful

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex

parte S Before Mr Justice Henry [Judgment July 16]

The policy of the Home Secretary that life sentence prisoners who had been transferred from prison to hospital, pursuant to the Mental Health Act 1983, would normally be discharged by way of licence under section 61 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 rather than by conditional or absolute discharge under provisions in the 1983 Act was legitimate and was not a fetter upon the exercise of his discretion. Mr Justice Henry so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division dismissing the applicant's application for judicial review challenging, inter alia, the legality of the Management. applicant's application for judicial review challenging, inter alia, the legality of the Home Secretary's policy, first announced in the House of Commons on July 23,

1985 (Hansard, sixth series, vol. 83, col. 465-6). Mr Edward Fitzgerald for the applicant; Mr Stephen Richards for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE HENRY said that a life sentence prisoner's only route to release was on licence under section 61 of the 1967 Act: see the summary of the statutory framework in R v Parole Board. Exparte Bradley (1991) | WLR 134. 140-141), and In re Findley (1985) AC 318, 332-333) for the relationship of the Parole Board to the secretary of state.

A prisoner so released remained

subject to supervision for the rest of his life, he might be recalled to prison in certain circumstances: see section 62.

Where such a prisoner while in prison had been transferred to hospital either under section 47 or under section 49 of the 1983 Act. there were three possible routes to release back into the community after expiry of the tariff period [the appropriate length of time a pris-oner should serve to satisfy the requirements of deterrence and First was release on licence

under section 61 of the 1967 Act and pursuant to section 50(1)(b) of the 1983 Acr. Second and third were release under sections 42(2) or 74(2). Under those routes the prisoner might be discharged ei-ther absolutely or conditionally. If absolutely, then he was not subject to supervision or any liability to recall; if conditionally, he was so

It was against that background that the secretary of state ar-nounced the change of policy in 1985 from the previous practice to discharge such persons under sec-

His Lordship said that in evi-Home Office the rationale for the policy was stated to be to ensure that the mandatory life sentence required by law, or the dis-cretionary life sentence imposed by the court, which was intended to last for life, could not be countermanded: also, it was to ensure consistency of treatment among all those sentenced to life

The evidence stated further that the circumstances could arise where the secretary of state might exercise his discretion to discharge under the 1983 Act, for example where evidence, not available to the sentencing court, suggested that the person was suffering from a mental disorder at the time of the

imprisonment.

In his Lordship' view the ratio nale for the policy seemed to be not only reasoned but rational.

But the applicant submitted that by the rule of practice adopted, the secretary of state deprived transferred life sentence prisoners from the potential benefit of absolute discharge, and so lettered his discretion unlawfully.

Since, in his Lordship's view, the secretary of state adopted the policy for reasons which he might legitmately entertain, it did not seem that the laying down of the policy or practice raised a prima facie case of a fenered discretion. Properly implemented, such policies and practices led to like justice in and predictability that were both attributes of good administration.

What was impermissible was when over-rigid application of the policy or practice prevented proper appreciation and treatment of the distinguishing features of the individual case.

There was nothing sinister in the fact that other exceptions had not been spelt out; the failure to identify those in advance was not a

For the court to find that the secretary of state had unlawfully fettered his discretion involved discounting the Home Office's evidence that the secretary of state's decision on the appropriate discharge route was based on his duty to ensure that the public was protected from harm and the needs of the patient, and that any representations to set aside the policy would be considered on the merits of the particular case.

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Advocate General F. G. Jacobs (Opinion April 8, 1992) [Judgment June 17] Where the purchaser of goods from an intermediary brought proceedings against the manufacturer for damages in respect of defects in the goods, there was no

contractual bond between that subpurchaser and the manufactures since the latter had not freely contractual nature towards the The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in replying to a question by the

French Cour de Cassation for a preliminary ruling on the inter-pretation of article 5 of the Brussels

national proceedings (TMCS) had d'Appel Chambery dismissed the

purchased in 1984 and 1985 two metal polishing machines from a Swiss company which was the second respondent. It fitted to those machines a suction system Handte Germany, but had been sold and installed by Societé Handte France.

In 1987 TMCS brought proceedings against the Swiss company, Handte Germany and Handte France before the Tribunal de Grande Instance Regional Court Bonneville for compensation for the loss arising from the fact that the equipment did not comply with the rules relating to health and safety at work and that it was not suitable for the use for which it had been

On May 4, 1988 that court declared that it had no jurisdiction rations loci to deal with the claim against the Swiss company. How-ever, it held that it did have jurisdiction on the basis of article 5(1) of the Brussels Convention to rule upon the application against Handte Germany and Handte

On March 20, 1989 the Cour

appeal lodged by Handte Ger-many on the basis that the action brought by TMCS against it was an action relating to the liability of the manufacturer for defects affect ing the goods which had been sold and that such a direct action by a amb purchaser of the goods against a manufacturer was of a contrac-tual nature with regard both to French law and the Convention and that therefore the judge at first

tance was correct to assume inrisdiction in the place where the obligation of the contract had to be foldilled pursuant to article 5(1) of Taking the view that article 5(1) was not applicable in the context of a chain of contracts, Handte

Germany appealed to the Cour de Cassation, which stayed the proceedings and asked the European Court of Justice for a prelimi-

nary ruling.
In its judgment the Buropean
Court ruled as follows:
The concept of "matters relating
to a contract" within the meaning of article 5(1) of the Convention was to be interpreted indepen-dently, with reference principally dently, with reference principally to the scheme and objectives of the Convention in order to ensure its

uniform application in all the contracting states; that concept could not therefore be interpreted as referring to a definition given by the relevant national law to the legal relationship at Issue before the national court.

Rules of special or exclusive jurisdiction and those relating to prorogation of jurisdiction there-lore derogated from the general principle laid down in the first paragraph of article 2 of the Convention that the competent courts were those of the contracting state in whose territory the defen-dant was domiciled.

The status as a general principle of that rule of jurisdiction was explained by the fact that, in principle, it enabled a defendant to defend himself more easily. Consequently, rules of jurisdiction which derogated from that general principle could not give rise to an interpretation which went beyond the circumstances envisaged by the

It followed that the concept of "matters relating to a contract", within the meaning of article 5(1) could not be understood as referring to a situation in which there was no undertaking which had party with regard to another.

With regard to an action brought by a sub-purchaser of goods which had been purchased from an intermediate vendor

gainst the manufacturer with a view to obtaining compensation for the loss arising from the fact that the goods did not conform to the relevant rules, it was necessary to hold that there was no contracchaser and the manufacturer who had not entered into any obligation of a contractual nature to-wards the sub-purchaser. Moreover, and particularly in

the circumstances where there was a chain of international contracts. contractual obligations between the parties might vary from one contract to another such that the contractual rights which a subpurchaser might raise against his immediate vendor were not necessarily the same as those which manufacturer had undertaken in its relations with the first

Moreover, the purpose of legal protection of persons established in Community which the ention sought to achieve, which derogated from the general principle of that Convention should be interpreted in such a way as to enable a defendant with foresee the court, other than that of the state of his domicile, before which he might be sued. In a situation such as that

referred to in the main proceedings, the application of the rule of special jurisdiction laid down in article 5(1) of the Convention to a of an arricle and the manufactures was not forseeable for the latter and was, therefore, incompatible with the principle of legal certainty.

On those grounds the Court

Ardcie 5(1) of the Convention of September 27, 1968 on jurisdiction and the enforcement of judgments in civil and commen matters was to be interpreted a meaning that it did not apply to a dispute between the sub-purchaser of an article and its manufacturer, who was not the vendor, on the basis of defects in the article or the unsuitability of it for the use for

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6.00 Ceefax (71616) 6.30 BBC Breakfast News (24074631) 9.05 Children's BBC: Defenders of the Earth Space-age cartoon (r) (6033074) 9.25 Why Don't You..? Entertaining ideas for children (r) (s) (4187884)

News, regional news and weather (6624567) 10.05 Playdays (r) (s) (6409722) 10.25 Double Dare. Peter Simon hosts the messy game show (r) (3) (3248819) 10.45 The O-Zone Music from the Pasadenas (s) (6082884)

11.00 News, regional news and weather (1911180) 11.05 Kids on Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk and under-18s discuss friendship (8513258) 11.50 The Travel Show Traveller. Lake Balaton in Hungary (r) (6965635)

12.00 News, regional news and weather (7918890) 12.05 Summer Scene. Caron Keating and Linda Mitchell at the National Garden Festival in Ebbw Vale (5279161) 12.55 Regional News and weather (51584906) 1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) Weather (27722)

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 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (43101432) 1.50 Eldorado. A repeat of Monday night's episode. (Ceefax) (s) (61041703)
 2.20 Over My Dead Body: Separation is Murder Detective drama starring Edward Woodward Nikki (Jessica Lundy) investigates the deaths of three private detectives (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3458242)
 3.05 Antiques Roadshow from the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton in Somerset (r) (Ceefax) (6835906)
 3.50 Rups Ruppy Triple Bill Catoon for (4538002)

3.50 Bugs Bunny Triple Bill. Cartoon fun (4528093)
4.10 Children's BBC: Attack of the Killer Tomatoes. Cartoon fantasy

series (s) (1789890) 4.35 Tricky Business. Sixth episode of a nine-part children's comedy serial (r) (6330432) 5.00 Newsround (5167242) 5.10 Five Children and It. Penultimate episode of a six-part adaptation of E. Nesbit's classic story (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9377074) i Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (119345). Northem Ireland. Inside Ulster 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax)

6.30 Regional news magazines (258). Northern Ireland: Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s)

7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefas) (5) (9797)



Drumming again: Lynn Redgrave with Rick Allen (7.30pm)

7.30 Fighting Back: Rick Allen

CHOICE: Rick Allen, drummer with the heavy metal band Def Leppard, was driving on New Year's eve 1981 when, as he puts it, he did not see a left-hand bend. He was thrown from the car in the resulting accident, but his left arm was severed by a seat belt. The rest of the band, in the middle of making an album, did not appear to consider that they might not want a one-armed drummer. They sat Rick in a room for eight hours a day, and he learned to play again using a series of foot pedals. He tells his story to Lynn Redgrave as part of the series in which well-known people talk: about coping with ill health. "It was a matter of using all the information in my mind and channelling it through a different limb," he says, before demonstrating how to slice a tomato while

holding it down with his foot. (Ceefax) (s) (242)

8.00 Athletics: Weitklasse Meeting from Zurich. Live coverage, interspersed with highlights of today's action, from one of the biggest Grand Prix meetings of the season. Commentary by David Coleman, Stuart Storey and Paul Dickenson (5123) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax). Regional news

and weather (7154)
9.30 Children of the Dragon. Concluding the two-part story of love and intrigue set against the backdrop of the Trananmen Square uprising of 1989. Will eventually finds the elusive Professor Hsu. Starring Bob Peck and Lily Chen. (Ceefax) (s) (485548)

11.10 Film: The River Rat (1984) starring Tommy Lee Jones and Martha

Plimpton. Gritty suspense drama about the relationship between an independent 12-year-old girl and her father, who has just been released from prison Directed by Tom Rickman (959987) 12.40am Weather (8049223), Ends at 12.45

BBC2

6.45 Open University. The Art of Commerce (5417513). Ends at 7.10 8.00 Breakfast News (3203600) 8.15 Sky Doctor. The Australian Royal Flying Doctor Service (r) (2508242)

Royal Flying Doctor Service (r) (2508242)
9.05 Look Stranger Lympne Castle in Kent (r) (7035529)
9.30 Film: Bachelor Knight (1947, b/w). In the first of a double bill starring Cary Grant, teenager Shirley Temple has a crush on a playboy (Grant). With Myrna Loy. Directed by Irving Reis (93635)
11.00 Film: Penny Serenade (1941, b/w) starring Cary Grant and Irene Dunne. Tear-jerker about a couple who adopt a baby when their own child dies. Directed by George Stevens (28155)

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1.00 After Hours. American entertainment magazine (61479345)

1.20 Henry's Cat. Cartoon (r) (37125635) 1.25 Fireman Sam. Animation (r) (72581971) 1.35 Geoffrey Smith's World of Flowers Geraniums and pelargoniums (r) (61966068)

2.00 News and weather (95929906) followed by The Kon-Tiki Man: Before the Beginning. Thor Heyerdahl explores the spread of civilisation (r) (26291838) 2.35 Country File (r) (9494987)

3.00 News and weather (4611987) followed by Tomb of the Lost King. The tombs of the Kings of Macedon (r) (6833548) 3.50 News and weather. Regional news and weather (6220161)

4.00 A Day in the Life of ... Head chef Alan Ford (r) (3566616)

4.05 Film: Blood on the Moon (1948, b/w) starring Robert Mitchum

4.05 Film: Blood on the Moon (1948, b/w) starring Robert Mitchum and Robert Preston. Taut western about feuding landowners. Directed by Robert Wise (7370155)

5.30 From the Edge. Reports by the disabled. (Ceefax) (635)

Captain of the USS Enterprise: Jeffrey Hunter (6.00pm)

 CHOICE: Not just any old Star Trek, but the very first episode in which the USS Enterprise began to boldly go where no man had gone before. This pilot, The Cage, was made in 1964 but was initially rejected on the grounds of cost — \$630,000 per programme. Station heads changed their minds two years later and launched the series which lasted 21 years. Mr Spock, whose order "Check the circuits" is the first line of the entire series, is on the bridge, but he is the only familiar face. The Enterprise's commander, Captain Christopher Pike, is played by Jeffrey Hunter, who was committed to a film when the second episode was made. In The Cage, Captain Pike is captured by a highly intelligent race who can create the power of illusion. Can the crew of the Enterprise rescue him? (77600)

7.00 Def II: Teenage Diaries — in Bed with Chris Needham. The series of programmes made by young people about their own lives focuses on Chris Needham and his band (r) (679426)

7.40 Wildlife Showcase. Natural history of the Pacific islands (172987) 8.10 States of Mind: Shoshone. The final documentary exploring American life. Shoshone in Idaho battles against drought as the town's few young men are sent to fight in the Gulf war. (Ceefax) (570242) 9.00 Athletics. Further coverage from Zurich (1819)

10.00 Screenplay Firsts CHOICE: Two films made by recent film school graduates. Resurrection, directed by Ray Kilby of the Royal College of Art, is a cross between Joe Orton and Alan Bennett. Two Welsh old malds are looking forward to their sister's funeral when she has the effrontery to wake up. The undertaker refuses to cancel the funeral, and the sisters face social disgrace. Tuning In, directed by Elaine Streeter of the National Film and Television School, is more poignant. An estranged couple by chance tune into the same radio concert. He is at home, she is driving through darkness. For both of them it brings back memories. A little slower than Resurrection, but with a sad twist at the end (s) (21987)

10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron (288529) 11.15 Edinburgh Nights, with Kirsty Wark (144123) 11.55 Weather (805857) 12.00 Open University. A Europe of the Regions? (1798204) 12.50em Film: Isn't It Shocking (1973) starring Alan Alda. A stylish

offbeat thriller about an inexperienced sheriff investigating the deaths of senior citizens. Directed by John Badham (2886339) 2.00 The Road to the White House. David Dimbleby reports as the Republican party formally nominates President Bush as its presidential candidate (21250310). Ends at 4.05

ITV

6.00 TV-am (3916190)
9.25 Jurnble. Jeff Stevenson hosts the anagram game show. Today's guests are wildlife experts Chris Packham and Terry Nutkins (s) (7953971) 9.55 Thames News (2089616)
10.00 Out of This World. Evie is left holding the baby (r) (s) (2099093)
10.25 The Wisdom of the Gnomes. Cartoon adventures (r) (2092180)
10.55 TIN News headlines (3443529)
11.00 Tales Exercised account (d) (3453006)

11.00 Ox Tales. Farmyard animation (r) (345906)
11.25 Just for the Record. More record-breaking achievements (r) (s) (1141987) 11.50 Thames News (9513722) 11.55 Cartoon

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1.15 Home and Away Australian soap. (Oracle) (985616)
1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama (s) (984987)
2.15 Graham Kerr. The chef prepares enchilida fina cocina, a low-

calorie cheese dish (803068)

2.45 Take the High Road. Soap set in the Highlands (9314797) 3.10
ITN News headlines (4622093) 3.15 Thames News headlines (4621364)

3.20 The Young Doctors. Australian hospital drama senal (6453345) 3.50 Children's ITV: Scooby Doo. Cartoon adventures (4431513) 4.15
Hulk Hogan. Adventures with the animated WWF wrestling
champion (1780529) 4.40 Fun House. Pat Sharp referees as two teams compete in the slapstick game show (r) (6652722)
5.10 Blockbusters. Bob Holness hosts the general knowledge quiz for

5.10 Biotxiousters. 500 Homess hosts the general knowledge duta for teenagers (4838180)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather (471722) 5.55 Thames Help, with Jackie Spreckley (r) (254635)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (154) 6.30 Thames News (426)
7.00 Take Your Pick. Des O'Connor hosts another round of the yes/no

game show. With Jodie Wilson (4203)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (838)

8.00 The Darling Buds of May. The second of six episodes from the first series, adapted for television by Bob Larbey from the novels by H.E. Bater. The Ladie formits over streethers, relating Starting H.E. Bates, The Larkin family goes strawberry picking. Sta Catherine Zeta Jones and Philip Franks (r). (Oracle) (s) (8109)



Power surge: Cliff De Young has an axe to grind (9.00pm)

9.00 Film: Pulse (1968) starring Cliff De Young, Joey Lawrence and Roxanne Hart. Pulsating science-fiction thriller about household appliances which come to murderous life and terrorise a Los Angeles family. Directed by Faul Golding. Continues after the news. (Oracle) (s) (8345)

10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Julia Somerville. (Oracle) Weather (45513) 10.30 Thames News (786068) 10.40 Film: Pulse continued. (Oracle) (s) (204567)

1.25 Hollywood Report. A British view of Tinsel Town (s) (236093) 11.55 Film: Share (1953) starring Alan Ladd, Jean Arthur and Van Heflin.
 Classic western about a gunfighter who is reluctantly drawn into a feud between homesteaders and cattlemen in 1890s Wyoming.
 Directed by George Stevens (97159093)
 2.10am Alfred Hitchcock Presents: The Speciality of the House.

Restaurateurs are at the mercy of a powerful newspaper food critic. Staming John Saxon (6260339) 2.45 America's Top Ten. Casey Kasem presents the top ten records in the American charts (s) (81846)

3.15 Videorashion: The British Royals. London designers Betty Jackson, Paul Costelloe and Jean Muir (19350407)

3.40 Quiz Night. Ted Robbins hosts the pub and club team guiz (20944933) 4.10 Grand Ole Opry. Country and western music from Nashville (r)

4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Vintage newsreel from 1942 (72088488) 5.00 Three's Company. American corredy series. A stray kitten wanders into the lives of the three flatmates (64662)

5.30 (TN Morning News (85219). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (5716172) 9.25 Gophers! Comedy series (r) (s) (7951513)
9.55 Get Smart: Snoopy Smart v the Red Baron American spoof explorage series (9168109)

10.25 Film: When Knights Were Bold (1936, b/w; staring lack Buchanan and Fay Wray. Musical corredy remake of the 1929 silent classic. A soldier innerts an ancestral home and dreams that he lives in medieval times. Directed by Jack Raymond (7410345)

11.45 Two to Tango. A young planst meets a girl in a cafe (7361172).
12.00 Land of Hope: Protest. Australian drama series (n (73884).
1.00 Sesame Street. Early-learning series. Today's guest is the actor Robin Williams (n) (55432). 2.00 Channel 4 Racing from York. 2.05 Rous Selling Stakes; 2.35 Aston Unthorpe Yorkshire Oaks; 3.10 Tote Ebor Handkap; 3.45 Scotish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes; 4.15 Andy Capp Handkap; 760567)

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4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game (451)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Family Misfits: A discussion about competitive family relationships (2642451)
5.50 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon adventures (244258)
6.00 Panasonic Audio Rock School '92. Sruno Prockes and Liz Kershaw introduce the final of the national competition to find the best school rock band. The judges are Jools Holland, Paul King and LaTova Lackson (79068) LaTova Jackson (79068)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (313838) 7.50 Comment. A personal diatribe on the arts (419600) 8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (1155)



Afternoon tee, continental style: Anton Mosimann (8.30pm)

8.30 Anton Mosimann — Naturally: Tea. The chef prepares an innovative afternoon tea with strudel and vacherin (r). (Teletext)

9.00 Out. The first part of tonight's edition of the gay and lesbuan magazine, Battle of Tutenhaus, chronicles the lives of 30 drag queen squatters in East Berlin. Followed by The Tutenhaus Update, which returns to Berlin a year after the squatters' dramatic eviction

(Teletext) (6987)
10.00 The Golden Girls: To Catch a Neighbour. Sharp comedy will the Miami matrons. The police set up surveillance equipment in Blanche's house. Starring Rue McClanahan (r). (Teletext) (43155) 10.30 Absolutely. Last in the offbeat comedy series (r). (Teletext) (s) (554074)

11.05 Mojo Worlding. Archive footage of the blues singer Janis Joplin, as fead vocalist with Big Brother and the Holding Company, and during her solo career (s) (230819) 11.30 Sticky Moments on Tour with Julian Clary. The cosmopolitan

game show visits Newport Pagnell (r) (s) (438242) lam Four-mations. The series of films from Estonian animators continues with The Departure, Papa Carlo's Theatre and Noblesse

12.50 Film: Izzatdaar (1986) starring Dilip Kumar and Madhun Dixit. An epic moral drama about the destructive effects of ambition and greed in a young man. Directed by K. Papalah. In Hindi with English subtitles (35548643). Ends at 4.00

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10.35 Number One (1969): Chariton Heston faces a mid-life crisis (4158416): 12.25pm Pury (1936, blw): Spencer Tracy is wrongly accused of murder (145971)
2.15 The Uninvited (1934, blw): A brother and sixter rent a house in Cornwall (762432)
4.15 The Fantasy World of George Pai (1987): Biopic about the special effects man (658890)

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Wile the Astra whether 4.00pm Mr Ed (5616) 4.30 Punky Brewster (1600) 5.00 Green Acres (7258) 5.30 The Lucy Show (5180) 6.00 The Monkees (5093) 6.30 Three's Company (6345) 7.00 Designing Women (3762) 7.30 McHale's Navy ing Women (3752) 7.38 McHale's Navy (2519) 8.00 Doctor, Doctor (3242) 8.30 Working it Out (5277) 9.00 Hugan's Heroes (86890) 9.38 The Lucy Show (97567) 10.00

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leads midget submarines (6432)
5.00 The Freshman (as 10am) (16121857)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (388068)
8.00 I Love You to Death (1990): A wire
decides to kill her husbard (50971)
10.00 Delta Force 2 (1990): The brigade
take action against a drug baron (441364)
11.40 Three for One: Adult film (922093)
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the Chapel of Eton College
5.00 in Tune: Andrew Green
presents music, news, weathe
and a look at events in the
music and arts world
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from the Moscow
Conservatoire under Yuri
Bashmet, viola, perform
Schubert, arr Mahler (String
Quartet in D minor, Death and
the Madden. In the interval
8.10 Dissidents Now: Professor
John Klier reflects on the role
of yesterday's dissidents in
today's Russia 8.30 Schnittke
(Monologue for viola and
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7.00 On Air. Chris de Soliza presents music with news, weather, traffic and arts headlines 9.00 Composers of the Weelc Rameau. Castor et Poliux, Overture and Prologue (Stockholm Chamber Choir, Concentus Musicus, Vienna, under Nikolaus Hampon et

Schee, inizzi, as Venus, Zeger Vandersteene, tenor, as Love and Rolf Leanderson, bass, as Mars); Dardanus, Overture, Prologue, Act 4, Chaconne, Act 5 (English Baroque Soloists under John

Cnema Symphony Orchestra under Emin Khachaturian); Scarlatti (Sonatas, In A minor, Kk54, in F, Kk525: Vladimir Horowitz, piano); Milhaud (La Création du Monde; Orchestre

soprano)
11.00 Edinburgh International
Festival 1992: The Borodin
Quartet live from the Queen's
Hall performs Tchakovsky
(String Quartet be 3 to 5 flare

Raymond Leppard with Pascal Roge , piano, performs Massenet (Overture, Phèdre); Saint-Saens (Plano Concerto No 2 in G minor); Beethoven (Symphony No 5 in C minor)

COMPILED BY GILLIAN MAXEY AND HEATHER ALSTON TV CHOICE ROLAND WHITE/RADIO CHOICE PETER DAVALLE

2.20 BBC Singers under Bo Holton perform Ockeghern (Intermerata Dei Mater); Josepuin (Nymphes des bois); Gombert (Musae Jovis, Agnus Dei, Missa Tempore Paschali) (r)

6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air. Chris de Souza

under Nikolaus Hamoncourt with Jeanette Scovotti, soprano, as Minerva, Marta Schele, mezzo, as Venus,

Eliot Gardiner)
Mildwerk Choice with Susan
Sharpe. Shostakovich
(Romance, The Gadfly: USSR 10.00

Création du Monde: Orchestre de la Société des Concerts du Conservatoire under Georges Prêtre); Galuppi (Cara speranza del mondo affirito, La Caduta di Adamo: I Solisti Veneti under Claudio Scimone with Susanna Rigacci, soprano); Vincent Wallace (Overture, Maritana: London Symphony Orchestra under Richard Bonynge) Puccini (In questa reggia, Turandot: Orchestra under Stanford Robirson with Eva Tyrner. Robinson with Eva Turner,

Hall performs Tchaikovsky (String Quartet No 3 in E flat minor); 11.50 Conversations minor): 11.50 Conversations with Peter Diamond. Peter Diamond discusses with John Drummond his concerns about the lack of great conductors, standards in opera houses and funding for the arts; 12.10 Brahms (String Quartet No 3 in 8 flat, Op 67) 1.80pm News 1.05 BBC Philiparmonic under Raymond Leonard with Parcal orchestra), Ichalkovsky
(Serenade in C for strings)
9.30 What's the Big Idea?
Conversations with Bryan
Magee. Can Ethus catch up
with the Brave New World?
Professors Bernard Williams,
lan Kennedy and Sir Peter
Thompson discuss new ethical
dilemmas in medicine and

Thompson discuss new ethica dilemmas in medicine and business (r)

10.15 Schoenberg, Peter Hill performs Piece for piano, Op 33a; Three Pieces, Op 11; Six Little Pieces, Op 19; Piece for piano, Op 33b

10.50 Utrecht Early Music Pestival: Arnsterdam Baroque Orchestra under Tori Koopman performs Mozart (Symphony No 26 in E flat, K184; Symphony No 39 in E flat, K543)

11.30 News

11.30 News 11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: William Schuman (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM

5.55am Shipping 6.00 News
Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather
6.10 Farming Today 6.25
Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today
Incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00,
8.30 News 6.45 Business
News 6.55, 7.55 Weather
7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45
Thought for the Day 8.43 Love
Among the Butterflies (6 of 8)
(s) 8.38 Weather 9.00 News
9.05 in the Psychiatrist's Chair:
Dr Anthony Clare talks to Alice
Thomas Elis (s)
9.45 idle Thoughts, with John
Walters (s)
10.00-10.30 News, Mad Dogs (FM
only): Phil Smith considers
English attitudes to change
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Thora
Hird reads the First Letter of
John
10.30 Woman's Hour: talks to
Alison Halford about sexual
discrimination and the media;
looks at August in Paris A

(r)
3.35 Late Baroque Violin
Sonatas: Elizabeth Wallifsch,
violin, Suki Towb, cello, Paul
Nicholson, harpsichord and
chamber organ, perform
Corelli (Sonata in A, Op 5, No
6); Veracini (Sonata No 11 in
F)

oscimination and the media; looks at August in Paris, A Level results and summer soups and meets Rasheda Ashanti, editor of a black women's magazine. Ind 11.00

Manus 11.30 Gardeners' Question Time 11.30 Gardeners' Question Time
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12.00 You and Yours
12.25pm in Search of Mihailo, by
Dolores Pala. Carola tries to
find out why Mihailo walked
out on her 13 years ago.
Dramatised by Elizabeth Troop
(1 of 4) (s) (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (s) (r) 1.55
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2.00 News: Who Sings The Hero?

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contest. "Or Barry" was a mornan who posed as a man during a lifetime of medical service in the British army and colonial administration in the last Century. It is a story of beneficent and fearless deception so remarkable that it deserves to be shouted from the roofiops. Instead, and Inexplicable. Magning McCarthy. inexplicably, Maggie McCarthy speaks the narration in a conspiratorial half-whisper as

If scared that she will be accused of being a party to the deception (s)

2.47 Missions improbable: John
"Pudding" Wroe, the 18th
Century Yorkshire prophet who the dissuccessfully to part the waters of Bradford's River Aire (r)

3.00 News; Four Seasons: Phil Smith looks at Spring (r)

3.42 No One Messes with the Ballet Dancer: Toby Follett Investigates fly-posting and

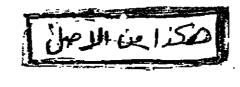
investigates fly-posting and the boys who fight for space in one East End patch. He who in one East End patch. He who has the most posters wins
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: includes reviews of Alien 3 and a big screen version of Graham Swift's novel Waterland, and a report from the Edinburgh Film Festival 4.45 Short Story: Compassion Fatigue, by Mary Scott 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather

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7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 Costing the Earth (r)
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 Age to Age (r)
8.45 The Message and the
Media: What Price News?
Sheena McDonald considers
the future, including BBC
plans for round-the-clock
radio and television news
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 Timandal World Tonight,
with Roger White (s) 9.59
Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with
Alexander MacLeod (s)

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10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Seventy Years a Showman. Michael Hordern reads the autobiography of the circus owner "Lord" George Sanger
11.00 Looking Forward to the Past: Robert Booth talks to Clement Freud, Rosalind Miles, Harry Thompson and Nigel Dempster (r)
11.30 Screenplay: Hosted by Jain Johnstone, with Dick Yosburgh, Alexandra Bastedo, Norman Rossington and Robin Ray (s) (r)
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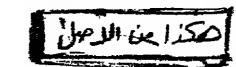
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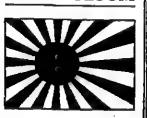


British banking is struggling to reshape itself. Derek Wanless of NatWest, feels banks will focus on fewer customers Page 19

ON LINE

Micro Focus, the software house, lifted pre-tax profits to \$17.2 million (\$15.5 million) in the first half Tempus, page 18

NIKKEI GLOOM



Shares in Tokyo have hit their lowest point in six years and there appears to be little hope of an early recovery Page 17

MARK MAKER

Hickson International admits that it will not make ICI tremble, but is making its own mark on the chemicals sector Tempus, page 18

OUT OF CASH



The number of personal bankruptcles soared by nearly a third in the first half of the year, KPMG says

. THE POBIOS

US dollar 1.9307 (+0.0052) German mark 2.8134 (-0.0040) Exchange index 91.9 (+0.1)

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WALES ESSENTED

London: Bank Base: 10% 3-month Interbank: 10%-10% 3-month eligible bills: 92 - 02 x % US: Prime Rate: 6% Federal Funds: 31-6%*
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Recovery depends on consumer spending

Bank expects recession to continue

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

THE British economy is still of recession and will probably continue to do so for the foreseeable future, according to the Bank of England.

Although there should be some increase in gross domestic product in the second half of the year, the Bank argued yesterday in its Quarterly Bul-letin that the recovery would be weak and any significant improvement would depend on consumers and homeowners deciding they had suffi-ciently reduced their debt burdens. The timing of any such turnaround in sentiment was impossible to predict, the The Quarterly Bulletin's

publication coincided with another gloomy set of official figures, this time on the public Sector borrowing requirement. The government bor-rowed £526 million in July, traditionally a month when public finances are in surplus, and the PSBR for the first four months of the financial year increased to £11.3 billion. The cumulative level of borrowing. was almost double the previous year's level and suggested the Treasury would probably exceed its borrowing target of

money supply would other-

wise have run out of control.

In its August report, the German central bank is opti-

mistic about the impact of the

8.75 per cent discount rate on

the economy. It rejects claims

that the rate rise has brought

the economy closer to

The report implies that the

bettle against high inflation, which resulted from excess

demand after German unifi-

cation, has not yet been won.

The monthly statistics have

not yet shown any slowing of

money supply growth. The report also notes that high

wage demands and a rise in

value-added tax to 15 per cent

due next year also point to-wards continued inflationary

German inflation fell to 3.3

per cent in July, having

peaked at 4.8 per cent in

The Bundesbank says that further delay (in the decision

Dressure.

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£28 billion for the financial year as a whole.

The PSBR figures showed central government revenues down 1.5 per cent on last year in the first four months of 1992-3, while spending was up, 8 per cent. Excluding privatisation receipts of £1.7 billion from the second instalment of the BT share sale, July's PSBR showed a deficit of £2.3 billion, and a cumulative deficit of £14.7 billion in the first four months of the financial year. Although the PSBR figures were broadly in line with expectations. City economists said the falls in income tax and VAT revenues confirmed the weakness of the economy and suggested a poor outlook for the rest of

Despite the continuing re-cession, the pressure on public finances, and the weakness of sterling in the exchange-rate mechanism, the Bank suggested that the government's policy, built around ERM membership was working as expected and said that no major policy changes were

Noting that Britain's economy had been essentially flat for the past 12 months, the

beyond this year". It is particularly concerned about the

The report goes on the attack over subsidised loans to

eastern Germany. Last year,

east German companies bor-

rowed DM 44 billion, half of it

at subsidised rates. This

means interest rate policy has

little influence on the economy

in the east. The Bundesbank

says there is a danger of "a state-stimulated demand for

credit, which has expansive

effects on the growth of the

money supply and requires

ministry produced medium-

term growth projections indi-cating that the western

German economy will grow

by 2.5 per cent a year until

1996 and eastern Germany

by an annual 9 per cent. Unemployment in the east,

though, is likely to remain

high, despite strong levels of

higher interest rates". The German economics

strong expansion of credit.

Bundesbank says

rates had to rise

By Wolfgang Münchau

THE Bundesbank defended to raise interest rates) could

its recent decision to raise have had a negative impact

Bank said that the weakness of the American recovery and the economic downturns in Japan and Germany had contributed to Britain's economic problems. But it said that the main constraint on growth was low consumer demand. In contrast to the last two recessions, when personal consumption had held up far better than other elements of demand, the present recession had seen an unprecedented fall in consumer spending. But despite their attempts to save money, con-sumers had only had "limited success" in cutting back their debts, the Bank said.

Apart from the passage of time, there was only one other way of alleviating excessive debt burdens. This would be through an unexpected burst of inflation, a possibility the government's policy had been

designed to avoid. Comparing the economic situation to the one three months ago, the Bank noted that many of the latest "backward looking" statistics had strengthened somewhat, but that the leading indicators of future economic changes, such as surveys of business confidence, had shown a downturn in the last two months.

The outlook remains very uncertain but slow growth in the economy should be evident during the remainder of this year," the Quarterly Bulletin said. "The post-election recovery in consumer demand recovery in consumer demand has proved fragile with no clear signs as yet that demand is moving above last year's depressed level. The prospects for growth in the short run spending. But consumer

spending remains flat." In trying to account for the weakness of consumer spending, the Bank emphasised the collapse of the housing mar-ket. But it also identified the decline in pay settlements, a central objective of government policy, as one of the factors dampening growth in the short term.

The Bank said: "The process of adjustment to a low inflation environment may have altered individuals' expectations about the rate at which debt is likely to be eroded by inflation, and the rate at which wage increases will enable households to outgrow their existing debt."

In a separate announce-ment, the Bank said it would auction £2.5 billion of Trea-sury 84 per cent stock due in 2017 on August 26. The stock was trading unchanged from its previous close at 98-20 after the auction announcement.



Poor earnings outlook forces Sedgwick to halve dividend

By Jonathan Prynn, insurance correspondent

market took fright at a pessi-mistic statement on industry prospects from Sedgwick Group, Britain's biggest broker, which announced its in-

terim results. No broking stocks escaped the bloodbath but Sedgwick shares fell most heavily, losing 24 per cent of their value to close at 110p.

The company said it was cutting its interim dividend from 4p to 3p and that it anticipates paying a final dividend of "not less than 3p" making a total of op for the year, half the level of payout it has been making since 1986.

David Rowland, the chairman of Sedgwick and probably, from January, the next chairman of Lloyd's, said the decision to cut the dividend had been taken because there was little prospect of earnings returning to the 1986 level for the forsecable future, and because of the need to conserve cash for investment. "If our present level of distribution is maintained, this will weaken the ability of the group to develop its business in the

future," Mr Rowland said. The halving of the dividend will save the company £25 million a year, allowing it to increase its investment in information technology and business development. Mr Rowland said: "It is the group's intention to increase the dividend from this level as soon as the group's financial

performance justifies it." Sax Riley, Sedgwick's newly appointed chief executive, said he could see no sign of the downturn in the insurance industry coming to an end during the course of next year. 'I have no doubt the industry is going through the same Big

SHARES in insurance bro- went through in 1987," he ance subsidiary, both saw falls hers were marked down heavi- said. Insurance premium in operating income, and infalling, despite the losses in-curred by US insurance firms. and rates elsewhere were like the curate's egg, good in parts but more often "soft and

> Interim pre-tax profits for the six months to end-June were down 21 per cent at £51.7 million. Brokerage and fee income for the period fell 1 per cent, while expenses were up 2 per cent. Sedgwick James, the US retail operation and EW Payne, the reinsur-

pressed by lower interest rates. Conditions deteriorated in the second quarter and were exacerbated by an unexpected £1.9 million loss from River Thames Insurance, the 49 per cent owned associate. The best performers were Sedgwick Broking Services, operating

income up 4 per cent, and Sedgwick Financial Services. which saw a 13 per cent rise.

Abu Dhabi says BCCI auditor had conflict of interest By Neil Bennett BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ABU Dhabi has complained bitterly to Lord Justice Bingham's inquiry on the collapse Commerce International about the conflicts of interest it believes there were at Price Waterhouse, BCCI's auditor.

Ahmed Al Sayegh, a member of Abu Dhabi's steering committee on BCCI, said his government is still committed to suing PW and others who it believes failed to carry out

their responsibilities Mr Al Sayegh said that PW was acting in BCCl in at least four capacities and failed to tell the Abu Dhabi government that it was preparing a report for the Bank of England last year, which led to its closure. The complaints are included in the Bingham report, due to be published by

the Treasury next month.
"PW was advising us on the restructuring, they were work-ing on our investigating body, they were the bank's auditors and they were reporting to the Bank of England without telling us. If that is not a conflict of interest 1 do not

know what is," he said.

The Abu Dhabi government, BCCI's 77 per cent shareholder, will take charge of any legal action against BCCI's professional advisers if the proposed \$3 billion composestion plan is appropriate pensation plan is approved Mr Al Sayegh stressed that the government will take up the

action vigorously.

A PW spokesman said later:
"We had no conflicts of interest in any of the work we did.
All parties concerned were aware of every aspect of our involvement and raised no objection at the time." objection at the time."

Mr Al-Sayegh was visiting London to promote the compensation scheme on which BCC1 creditors are being asked to vote. "We believe the agreement is fair and we hope the depositors will feel the same. We did not run away from BCCI, even though the argument to do that was attractive. The suffering of depositors was always at the forefront of our thinking," be

A number of BCCI creditors have criticised the current scheme, however, and believe the Abu Dhabi government Tempos, page 17 should increa Stock market, page 18 contribution. should increase its \$1.7 billion

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Tokyo moves to halt Nikkei fall

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE Japanese authorities have announced a series of . financial measures designed to improve confidence and prevent further falls in the Tokyo stock market.

The package was outlined by Tsutomu Hata, the finance minister, at an emergency press conference, after another disastrous day for the Tokyo market. The Nikkei average dived 620 points to 14,309, its lowest level for almost six-and-

The measures announced by Mr Hata include the suspension of dividend payment

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON

IN NEW YORK

THE American operations of the once high-flying Wang Laboratories collapsed

into the protection of the US bankruptcy court yesterday, with the loss of 5,000

jobs, or almost 40 per cent of the

workforce. It is unclear how the filing will

affect Wang's international operations -

about half its sales came from Europe -

but a spokesman for the company said

much smaller company.

The computer industry's corporate

there would be a knock-on effect. Wang says it has filed a recovery plan and should emerge from bankruptcy a

restrictions and the creation of financial tools to allow banks to reduce their assets and meet international capital stan-dards. Most significantly, the government is looking at ways to allow banks to sell massive property portfolios that they hold as security against nonperforming loans.

Reports in Tokyo suggest the government is planning to create a Y5,000 billion fund (£20.7 billion) to buy the property to ease the financial pressure on the banks.

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Wang files for US bankruptcy protection When the market became too competi-Wang reported a \$424 million loss, An tive in the 1960s, Wang moved into word

processors, which were a sell-out at a time when personal computers were too complicated for routine office use. But the explosive growth of the 1960s and 70s turned sour in the mid-1980s after

Wang was overtaken by the PC market. Wang entered the mini-computer market late, and its specialisation of image recognition has been slow to catch on. At its peak in the mid-1980s. Wang was employing 35,000 people and ranked 145 on the Fortune 500 list with a share price of \$42.50. Under the debt-restructuring plan, employment will shrink to 8,000. The shares stand at 75 cents.

Richard Miller, the chairman and chief executive who was recruited in late 1989, said the company had been on the brink of bankruptcy for almost three years. In 1989, the year before An Wang died, 3000 job cuts already made.

Wang's son, Frederick, resigned as chief executive and the company's debt status was downgraded to junk bond levels. Wang's eight banks insisted on re-negotiating \$445 million of loans on which Wang was technically in default.

Rescue talks with IBM collapsed this week after IBM said Wang had not met the sales targets that were part of a 1991 agreement in which IBM invested \$25 million. Wang wanted an extra \$75 million. Wang's debts are estimated at \$500 million. It has spent \$1 billion in reorganising over the past three years and losses narrowed from \$385.5 million to \$139.2 million last year.

☐ Europe's largest indigenous computer maker, Siemens-Nixdorf Informationssysteme (SNI), is shedding 6,000 jobs by 1995 in addition to more than

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Nikkei slides to 6-year low amid profit forecast cuts

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

THE long faces now habitual- 15 per cent on the half year, ly seen milling around Kabutocho. Tokyo's equivalent of the City, dropped further yesterday when share prices fell again and the Nikkei average closed at a six-wear low.

The Tokyo stock market lost 620.14 points to close at 14.309.41, the lowest point since April 1986, after only 170 million shares were tradad in the shares of specific ed. In the absence of specific negative statistics on the economy, the main worry appeared to be the growing tide of downward revisions on half-year profit forecasts. With corporate earnings ex-pected to fall by an average of

Panel seeks Cowie correction

By MARTIN WALLER DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE £30 million hostile bid from T Cowie for Henlys Group, the fellow motor dealer, has run into further trouble with the City Panel on Take-overs and Mergers, with a second request for a correction

in as many days.
On Monday, Cowie was forced to withdraw statements made in the press by Gordon Hodgson, the chief executive. The Panel has now insisted on a further series of clarifications on points made in the group's offer document.

Cowie's merchant bank is Noble Grossart, while Bardays de Zoete Wedd is the company's broker. Sir Tom Cowie, chairman of Cowie, has had to circulate a letter to all Henlys shareholders stating that a claim about their company's share price performance made in the document bast week is unirue and is unsupported by a graph repro-

Two further charts have had to be amended to prevent a misleading impression. In addition, the Panel has ruled that various statements in the document add up to a pre-tax profit forecast from Cowie of at east £13.7 million for this

The retraction of Mr Hodgson's statements was issued to the stock exchange and circu-lated in the City in the normal way on the TOPIC company news service. But the corrections to the offer document

A spokesman for the company said: "It wasn't released to the stock exchange because there was no Panel obligation to do so, as it wasn't considcred material information."

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about a consolidated operating loss by Sony for fiscal 1992. Shares in Sony fell Y230 to Y3,560 and those in Pioneer Y290 to Y2,670, contributing significantly to the drop in the Nikkei, which is weighted towards such high-priced stocks.

Alan Livsey, a technical analyst at Kleinwort Benson in Tokyo, said: "The market is crumbling of its own accord. We may have had three or four days of technical rebounds over the last week, but there has been no volume to back them up. Yesterday's tumble came as no surprise."

Mr Livsey expects that another 800 to 1,000-point fall is possible in the short term, and that there will be no real support for the market until it approaches 13.000. Bernard Simon, the real

state analyst at Jardine Fleming in Tokyo, is expecting a continuation of volatility until late September or early October, when he believes there could be a serious collapse. "Bad half-year results could bring out all sorts of disasters. That may bring the beginning of a wave of long overdue bankruptcies, particularly in the real estate sector," he said. Broader economic worries,

meanwhile, appear to be undermining any temporary gains on the stock market. Analysts await with a degree of trepidation the announcement on August 28 of a promised supplementary budget, while politicians and burney and a promise and burney resucrats continue to haggle over the size, content and timing of that long-awaited fiscal package, uncertainty over which is thought to have been highly damaging to the stock market



Profits feast: Bruce Johnston (left). chairman of City Centre Restaurants.

raised its pre-tax profits to £4.3 million (£3.2 million) in the first half of this and Philip Kaye, the chief executive, at the company's Deep Pan Pizza restaurant in London yesterday. City Centre are becoming impossible to predict.

City Centre says. Trading in May and June was below expectations but volumes increased in July. City Centre intends to buy more outlets to step up its

Personal bankruptcies soar to record levels, says KPMG

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE number of personal bankruptcies has soured to record levels due to rising unemployment and contin-uing high interest rates, ac-cording to figures from KPMG Peat Marwick.

The recession is also taking a devastating toll of small businesses, with Peat recording a record level of compulsory and creditors' voluntary liquidations. Bankruptcies rose to 16,180 in the first half of the year, 30 per cent higher than a year ago. The figure is the highest since Pear began its records in 1988.

The one sign of hope was that total bankruptcies fell in the second quarter from the first quarter, from 8,389 to 7.791. Tim Hayward, head of corporate recovery at Peat, said that people should not read too much into the decline. "The overall level still gives cause for concern. With economic recovery still merely a hope for some time in the

future, I fear there are many more bankruptcies to come." The bankruptcy figures are being fuelled by rising unem-ployment, which is leaving consumers unable to service the debts they amassed before The number of company

liquidations rose 11 per cent in the first half to 12,014. Compulsory and creditors' vol-untary liquidations are usually suffered by smaller compan-ies, since larger businesses are first placed into receivership. Unlike personal bankruptcies, however, the number of liquidations appears to have almost levelled off at the high point it reached at the start of last year. In the first quarter of

1991 there were 3,323 liquidations. In the second quarter of this year, the figure rose marginally to 3,370.

The South East continues to be the worst affected, and accounted for 3,968 of the 6,786 of the creditors' voluntary liquidations in the half year. The Midlands is the second most badly hit area, with 889 creditors' voluntary

The level of liquidations is a principal cause for the heavy bad debt provisions that are being suffered by the high street banks. There was a small fall in liquidation totals in the second quarter compared with the first. Peat stressed, however, that it was meaningless to look at one quarter in isolation and that the numbers are still far higher than a year ago.

Quicks drives to £1 m

BY OUR CITY STAFF

A SHARP reduction in interest payable and a non-recurrence of exceptional items sent pre-tax profits at Quicks Group, the motor dealer, ahead from £310,000 to £1.11 million in the first half to end-June. The interim dividend is raised from 1p to 1.75p.

Alec Murray, the managing director, who joined Quicks in October, said each of the divisions had so far performed

better than budget.
Turnover fell by 7.5 per cent to £99.4 million. Operating profits were little changed at £2.01 million, but the interest bill fell from £1.32 million to £897,000 and there was no exceptional item, against a £370,000 loss last time from bad and doubtful debts in respect of the leasing and contract hire business.

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Unions delay Black's Daily News purchase

NEGOTIATIONS with the unions are holding up the attempt by Conrad Black, the Canadian newspaper owner, to buy the New York Daily News from the remains of the Maxwell empire. American Publishing, the main US subsidiary of Mr Black's holding company Hollinger, has conditionally agreed to pay about \$22 million and take on liabilities of up to \$8 million. The agreement includes early retirement programmes and capital improvements that could take the initial investment up to \$70 million.

Agreement on collective bargaining is the main stumbling block for Mr Black. He also needs approval of the bankruptcy court, Daily News creditors and US regulators.

Kalon claims 9.7%

MANDERS' share price lost a further 10p to 189p as Kalon, the bidding group, said it had received acceptances totalling 9.7 per cent and Manders said it had received indications from nearly 34 per cent of its shareholders that they will definitely not accept. Kalon, whose offer closes on Friday, said its terms value Manders at 2422p a share, of which 50p is in cash, based on a middle market price of 8212 p a Kalon share, and urges Manders shareholders to "accept without delay",
Manders replies that the British Steel Pension Fund, holder
of 22 per cent, and other shareholders accounting for a
further 11.6 per cent, have decided not to accept.

Fall at Gold Fields

GOLD Fields of South Africa, the mining group that has the lowest costing gold mines in South Africa, managed an attributable net profit of R302 million (£56.7 million) in the year ended June 30, against R314 million last time, from which a maintained total dividend of 200 cents is declared. Three gold mines in the group — Kloof, Libanon and Venterspost — are in the process of a scheme of arrangement whereby operations will be integrated. An integration will overcome Kloof's water pumping problems, bring tax advantages and allow continued mining at Libanon and, to a limited extent, at Venterspost.

Brabant slips into red

PRODUCTION difficulties at the Claymore oilfield pushed Brabant Resources into the red in the half-year to June. The oil producer lost £205,000 before tax, compared with a profit of £33,000 a year earlier, and the interim dividend is passed. Equipment failures, which Brabant says have been rectified, caused a 7 per cent fall in revenue to £1.2 million.

Brabant has bought a package of producing assets from Monument Oil & Gas for £2.5 million and has agreed in principle to sell its share of Guinevere and Lancelot gas to Mobil at a "favourable" price.

Pifco profits slip

RUSSELL Hobbs, the kettle maker that was losing £1.5 million a year as part of Polly Peck, is close to break even and should make a profit in the 12 months to end of April. Hobbs was bought in April 1991 by Pifco, which made pre-tax pro-fits of £1.2 million for 1991-2, down from £3.7 million. The final dividend of 4.25p makes an unchanged total of 7.75p. Michael Webber, chairman, said, the profits were "a creditable achievement in the light of the acquisition of Russell Hobbs and the general downturn in consumer spending".

Bedford cuts losses

A WARNING of more business closures is made by William Bedford, the antiques dealer, which says that the poor outlook for the second half of this year and no signs of recovery make the payment of any dividend extremely unlikely. The interim loss was cut from £76,018 last year to £21,731 in the six months to June. There is again no interim dividend. John Bedford, chairman, said: "Overall it is apparent that there is a substantial over capacity within the fine art and antiques trade for the volume of business available."

LVMH shares 'error'

SHARES in LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton rebounded smartly, so halving their early losses, after a Paris bourse official said a block trade of 49,700 LVMH shares had been an error and was cancelled. LVMH, which was down Fr71 at Fr3,607 before the bourse made the announcement, rebounded to stand Fr33 lower at Fr3,645 on a volume of 4,330 shares. The bourse official said the block trade was the result of a broker's error. The official declined to name the broker.

Mannesmann plunges 89% | Drug firms to create

By WOLFGANG MINCHAU, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

Germany's best-known engineering companies, suffered an 89 per cent fall in pre-tax profits, because of the slowdown in the German economy and start-up losses for its mobile telephone subsidiary. The company, still best known for its steel tubes used

in oil and gas pipelines, re-ported net profits in the first half of the year down from DM134 million to DM15 million. Mannesmann shares traded at DM238, after Monday's close of DM267... Excluding telecommunica-

MANNESMANN, one of tions, profits would have fallen admitted the results were "not by 27 per cent. The company had to meet

high start-up costs of for its D2 mobile telephone network, which it is developing as leader of an international consortium to compete with Germany's Bundespost. It also had to foot large costs for its drive into automotive components. Compared with the same period in 1991, the division almost doubled sales to DM3.52 billion, partly due to acquisitions.

Werner Dieter, chairman of the management board,

satisfactory", but said the high initial outlays for the telecoms and automotive businesses "will pay off later".

More worrying for German industry as a whole must be his claim that the downturn at Mannesmann in part reflects the general weakness of the German economy. "High costs, global competition with insufficient prices, the continued disappearance of markets and the dollar-mark relation pressured earnings. Mannes-mann is no exception," he

over-the-counter link

By A CORRESPONDENT

SMITHKLINE Beecham. the Anglo-American drug group, is to create a partnership for developing and marketing over-the-counter pharmaceutical products with America's Marion Merrell

Dow. Initially, SmithKline Beecham will own 90 per cent and Marion Merrell 10 per cent of the venture. Over time, that will be adjusted closer to 50-50, to reflect the products each partner contributes. The two companies said the partner-

ship would be well placed to profit from the trend towards self-medication, which has contributed to the growth of the OTC market.

• The venue will be called

SmithKline Beecham Consumer Brands, but that will change to SmithKline Beecham Marion if the products contributed reach a certain, unspecified level.

The initial target market is America, but the partners plan to look at potential for similar co-operation elsewhere.

Embattled Sedgwick marches insurers down the hill

DAVID Rowland, the chairman of Sedgwick Group and almost certainly the next chairman of Lloyd's, is one of those naturally upheat char-acters who could usher in Armageddon with a twinkle in his eye. But the stock market does not buy on charm and the entire insurance broking sector took a bath yesterday on Sedgwick's depressed interim results, reduced dividend and grim

outlook statement. The 25 per cent cut in the dividend, to 3p, was no great surprise, given that the company's distribution has been either uncovered or only just covered by earnings for the past four years. Most analysts agreed with Sedgwick's view that a dividend level set in the mid-1980s is no longer sustainable in an industry going through painful re-

structuring.
A promised 6p dividend for the full year looks repeatable for the foresecable future, so the shares have the security of a 7 per cent yield.
That will be a relief to those who have bought Sedgwick shares this year. They have seen them slide from 237p in

May to 110p yesterday. In profit terms, the pain set in during the second quarter, when River Thames Insurance, an associate company in which Sedgwick has a 49 per cent stake, fell into loss and brokerage and fee income slid 4 per cent. The situation has not been beined by falling interest income and the dollar-stering exchange rate. Analysts do not think conditions are likely to improve in the second half. Premium rates are still falling in America and client companies are looking for savings in their insurance budgets. Profits for the year will inch ahead to about £60 million, less than half their peak in 1986. At that level, the shares are priced at about 13 times prospective earnings of 8.5p. There is little upside in prospect but Sedgwick's tough decision on the dividend should limit further falls in the share price. This is not the time to sell.

Hickson

HICKSON International concedes that it will never make ICI tremble, but it looks sure-footed enough within its particular sectors of the chemicals market to be worth keeping an eye ou.

Despite tough market conditions, operating profits from continuing interests in the six months to June 30 registered a small advance, from £17.6 million to £17.7 million. The group made a few pennies out of investment income after last September's rights issue and sharply cut its interest burtien from £4.32 million to £960,000, So at the pre-tax and pre-exceptional level. profits advanced by 19.7 per cent. The interim dividend



Eye on costs: Sir Gordon Jones, Hickson chairman, has to push for efficiencies

knowledges that if profits are to continue rising in the short term, Hickson has to rely on further internal efficiencies, organic growth and continued tight control of costs. In the market place, life remains tough, though the group remains alert to sensible acquisition opportu-

issue and last month's ven- - should rise further in 1993 to rises from 2.57p to 2.85p. dor placing, Hickson was in E39 million, and because of the new management danger of gaining a reputteam under Sir Gordon ation for issuing shares like from Hickson's most recent

Jones, chairman, and Dennis confetti. From here on, some Irish acquisition, there will Kerrison, chief executive, acpause in issuing paper is likely to let net earnings grow in line with profits. Yesterday's market re-

think about 1992 profits saw the shares 14p down at 174p. After 1991's actual outcome of £23.7 million pre-tax, 1992 profits of around £31.7 million, rather than £34 milensible acquisition opportu-lities.

After September's rights

from, are likely, to put the shares on 16 times prospec-tive 1992 profits. Profits

be a very useful kick to earnings in 1994, by when, perhaps, chemical markets will be healthler in their own right. Hold on.

Micro Focus MICRO Focus is a business

that, although loyal to its base in Newbury, Berkshire, is fast becoming American in all but name. Forty-five per cent of the company's shares are held across the Atlantic, helped by a successful ADR American one listing on Nasdaq, and three

quarters of its business is conducted in dollars. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that the shares have tended to attract a rating that is more common for a whizekid American software house than in the more staid British computer industry. Micro Focus has recog-

nised this increasing bias by presenting its figures, for the first time, in dollars first. Halfway profits before tax to July 31 advanced from \$15.5 million to \$17.2 million and were accompanied by a confident statement on the second half, which will see the benefit of new products announced in May. The company does not pay dividends.

The shares have veered wildly. In February they reached a high of £23.75, at which point jitters over the sustainability of such levels sent them into a nosedive, to a low of £14.53 before yesterday's figures. Recent bad news from American rivals contributed to the unsettled

Warburg Securities, the company's broker, thinks pre-tax profits of £21.2 million are achievable in the current year, on a dollar translation rate of \$1.83. After yesterday's rise of 90p, the shares change hands on a

forward multiple of 15.7. Good value, given the company's ability to outpace its rivals, but be warned software companies, particularly American ones, are notori-

Weak demand halts Impala expansion

By Colin Campbell, mining correspondent

the world's second-largest platinum metals group and a fellow shareholder with Lonrho in certain South African platinum mines, is deferring expansion plans because of weak demand, and cutting its final dividend from 195 South African cents to 115 cents a share, making 170 cents (275 cents) for the year ended June.

Impala says industrial un-rest at operations in Bophuthatswana, compounded by technical problems and weak markets, due to higher sales by producers in the Commonwealth of Indepen-dent States, made 1992 a

difficult year.
Attributable net profit fell from R312 million to R260 million (£49 million), and the group says that it will be difficult this year to improve on the 1992 results.

1993, compared with R410 expected to be difficult.

IMPALA Platinum Holdings, million spent in the year ended June, and the targeted production level of 1.29 million ounces will not be reached

before 1997, Impala adds. Two years ago, the group had planned to raise production from 1.1 million ounces to 1.35 million ounces by 1995. Since then, platinum and rhodium prices have weakened, and "they may take some time to recover".

Impala holds 27 per cent of Western Platinum and Eastern Platinum, members of the Lonrho group which holds 73 per cent of both companies. and admits it is aware of speculation that a greater equity stake for Impala in these companies is in the offing.

"Such speculation is unwarranted and the status quo of our 27 per cent shareholding. with its pre-emptive rights,

remains," Impala says. Without firmer platinum Capital expenditure will not group metal prices, Impala now exceed R250 million in says the current year is also

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INSURANCE brokers took a battering after the Sedgwick Group. Britain's largest insur-willing to confirm or deny the ance broker, unveiled worse than expected interim profits and said that it could see no sign of an uprum Sedgwick's 21 per cent decline in first-half profits, reduced interim dividend and warning of a halved

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market had no clear direction with no real influence from

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There were no real shocks

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tions. The details of the latest gilt auction were also pretty

much as expected. The market had anticipated that the new

issue would raise between £2 billion and E3 billion. As expected, the Bank of England will issue a £2.5 billion

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Shares had been upset early on by a further sharp overnight fall in Tokyo, with the Nikkei index diving 620 dividend for the year sent the points to another 77-month low. Prices

were also down on the back of the futures market, while the PSBR figures reminded investors of the depth of the recession and provide an excuse for some light

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cautious noises from the Bank

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of England. The FT-SE 100 index finished the day near its lows. ending down 21.4 points at 2,354.7, having been 24.2 lower at one stage. The FT index of 30 shares lost 13.4 points to 1.752.8. Once again, volume could reach only a lowly 361.3 million

The recently battered food manulacturing sector remained under a cloud. Hillsdown Holdings slid a further 13p to 105p after the recent profit downgradings from BZW and James Capel.

er lost 9p to 391p. Dalgety 11p to 375p. Ranks Hovis McDougall 2p to 160p. Unilever 11p to 941p and United Biscuits 5p to 287p. British Gas. where there

has been stock on offer, was 612p weaker at 235p, on volume of 6.2 million shares, amid market talk that Smith New Court had unsuccessfully attempted to place 2.5 million shares.

Manders continued to lose ground, slipping another 10p to 188p, making a two-day fall

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of 23p, as shareholders with about one-third of the equity gave the "thumbs down" to the hostile offer from rival paint maker Kalon. Kalon, which has received accep-tances for 9.7 per cent of Manders ordinary shares and 46.3 per cent of the preference shares, firmed top to 822p.

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396p after reports that 150.000 shares had changed hands at 404p. Else-where in the sector, Aldipped 10p to 598p. Bass 9p to 516p, Grand Met-

repolitan 2p to 418p and Scottish & Newcastle op to 438p. Of the few brighter spots, water and electricity issues were in again in demand, bought for their defensive qualities. Among the water shares, Anglian jumped 10p to 425p, with the price also driven higher by a share

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Among the generators, National Power firmed 1p to 231p and PowerGen 2p to 252p, while Scottish Hydro and Scottish Power added 2p to 202p and 2p to 1842p respectively.

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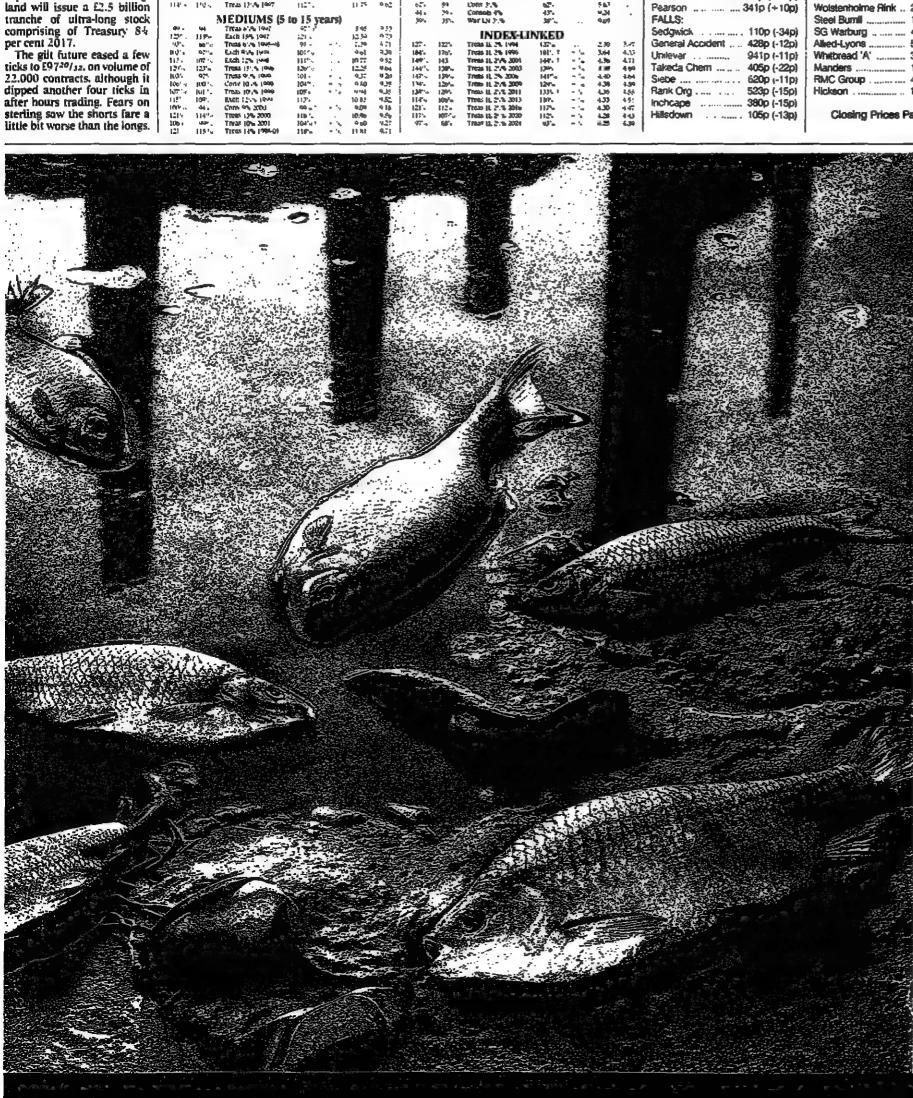
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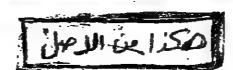
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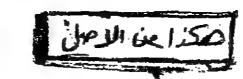
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Japan resorts to desperate moves

he freefall of the Tokyo stock market has finally begun to rattle the Japanese government Yesterday's hashly-arranged news conference by Tsutomu Hata, the finance minister, after the Nikkei latest plunge, suggests the authorities are putting together a massive financial and economic package to reawaken confidence in the country's banking system and halt the decline. For most of the year, the Nikkei and Japan's banks have been caught in a vicious circle. As share prices fall, the value of the banks' equity portfolios decline. This puts pressure on the banks' capital and profits and damages confidence in their future that is expressed by further stock market falls.

The situation is now becoming desperate. Yesterday's 620-point fall in the Nikkei, to 14,309, means that several banks have completely exhausted the unrealised profits on their share portfolios and will soon be forced to start writing off losses. This could not come at a worse time for the banks, which are already being forced to make heavy bad debt provisions on property loans. Mr Hata wants to provide the banks with the tools to reverse this circle. Reports in Tokyo suggest the authorities are thinking of establishing a fund of up to Y5,000 billion (£20.7 billion) to buy real estate from the lenders funded by national and local government. If only the British government had funds of that magnitude to stimulate the economy.

This sort of property buy-back would leave the authorities with millions of sq ft of unwanted office space in Tokyo and Osaka, but it would alleviate the pressure on the banks' balance sheets. When combined with an initiative to securitise smaller company loans and sell them to Japanese insurance companies and another cut in the discount rate to boost profits, the immediate future of the lenders would look decidedly rosier, and could spur a recovery in the Nikkei. From these depths, the return of such a virtuous circle may seem an impossible dream. One thing is certain: traders everywhere are poised waiting for a turn in the Tokyo market.

Bumping along

Bank of England economists, who are somewhat more laid back about such matters than Treasury ministers, have tired of looking for the recovery and virtually given up the desperate search to identify green shoots. A full year after the Bank's quarterly bulletin first used that graphic phrase about the economy bumping along the bottom, it is still bumping. The jesting prediction by Bill Martin, chief economist at Phillips & Drew, that the recovery would be L-shaped, has become statistical reality. There will eventually be a meaningful upturn, the Bank thinks, but it is not worth dropping whatever you happen to be doing to wait for it, even if output turns out to be slightly higher in the second half of the year than in the first.

There is much sense in this, but also some complacency. It is predicted on the apparently comforting thought that, though things are not evidently getting better, they are no longer getting worse. That may be true in a macroeconomic sense, but is freezing cold comfort to most businesses. In factories and boardrooms, the longer demand remains at depressed levels, the more likely the bank is to call in its loans and the receiver to knock at the door, the more likely factories will be closed, investment cut back and core jobs shed. So far, industry has chiefly reacted to recession and the ERM discipline by cutting costs, which will set exporters and those who compete with imports in good stead for an increase in demand. The longer recession goes on, the more companies that will have to adjust by making permanent cuts in capacity.

Demise of the nice little earner puts the risk back into banking

Neil Bennett examines

how Britain's

high street banks plan to recover from the

worst battering in their

collective memory

shunned by investors and blasted by economic reality, the only place banks can go from here is up. The half-year figures from the lenders, the billions of pounds of bad debts and thousands of job cuts, were a graphic reminder of the task they face to rebuild their business.

The banking industry is undergo-

ing a fundamental upheaval. Lenders that once seemed to be indestructible pillars of the world economy have been so battered by intense competition and massive bad loans in the past decade that they are rethinking their entire business.

The industry has certainly suffered uncharted territory. Bad debt provisions are more than twice as high as they have ever been, with Barclays struggling under a non-performing loan portfolio worth 55.5 billion. Banking once guaranteed a job for life but for up to 30,000 people this year it will offer a one-way trip to

redundancy or early retirement.
These are merely the most striking indications of the challenges and the changes that reach to the heart of the banking business. For decades the banks have attracted savings from individuals and lent them to cashhungry companies, and benefited from the margin. A simple process that brought enormous profits.

The operation was all the more fucrative since personal customers allowed the banks to use their money interest-free, the so-called endowment effect. Pressure from building encieties forced the banks to offer interest-bearing current accounts four years ago, but even today Bardays controls £6.3 billion in interest-free deposits, generating more than £600 million a year.

Revenues from retail banking combined with relentless consolidation created the financial behamoths that dominate every high street. They also fuelled the global ambitions of many lenders and led to the Latin American debt crisis and disastrous oversees acquisitions, such as Midland's

Brian Pitman, chief executive of Lloyds, believes the time when banks could count on domestic markets to guarantee profits has gone. "In the old days, the retail business was so profitable it could paper over all the cracks. It was possible for a bank to buy something overseas because it looked nice and the retail bank would pay for it. That cross-subsidisation is being removed," he said.

interest-bearing current accounts are only one of the factors eroding the banks' traditional business. Large companies are increasingly raising funds from institutional investors through private placings, while indi-



Window of opportunity: Derek Wanless, NatWest's chief executive, believes banks will focus on fewer businesses and customers in future

viduals are investing directly in the money markets. This "disintermediation" is robbing banks of customers. The other pressure on the banks is

the increasing sophistication of finan-cial markets, both in products and customer demands. The days when the local bank manager could service the needs of private and business clients have disappeared. Today, he would have to be a master of life assurance, pensions, unit trusts and mortgages for personal customers and a battery of products for the small business market, including currency hedges, interest rate caps, collars, swaps and options.

The trend has prompted many banks to sub-divide their business and train staff to specialise. Mr Pitman said: "We find it difficult to compete against specialists and they continue to pick business off. We are moving into a world of increasing segmentation and I cannot see that

Most bankers rubbish the grand concepts of universal banking which were vaunted in the early eighties. Specialisation will force banks to sell or close many of their underperforming businesses, a process that is already underway and likely to accelerate when economic recovery encourages acquisitions. By concentrating and investing in a few products and a narrower range of customers, banks will be able to improve service, reduce costs and prices and innovate more rapidly.

Derek Wanless, the new chief executive of National Westminster, Some products have not been around agrees that banks will focus on fewer

businesses and customers in future. "Banks will certainly be more careful about choosing markets than in the past, but that does not mean they will come down to a very small range of operations. There is a degree of balance about how many markets can be managed by an organisation. The concept of being all things to all men is virtually dead," he said.

The other key to any bank's success is risk. The basic commodity of banking is not money but risk. whether it is the risk of lending. trading in financial markets or merely the risk of mistakes by employees. Institutions must price products and services to take account of risk or they will make losses.

As financial markets have grown more apphisticated however, banks have found it increasingly difficult to assess the risks in their businesses. often with disastrous consequences. Three years ago, Midland Bank failed to understand the risk it was taking in its treasury book. As a result it suffered an interest rate mismatch which cost more than £300 million. More recently, Standard Chartered did not assess the risks of dealing in the Bombay stockmarket and it has been forced to provide £100 million against the resulting fraud.

Some bankers are now terrified about the potential risks in trading complex derivative products, such as futures and options where a massive trading position can lie concealed until it is too late.

"There is still a lot work to be done to measure risk in each business.

for ten years to allow us to judge them on past performance," Mr Wanless said. "In the eighties banks had a single view of future world growth. So their risk assessment in the broadest sense was not good enough."

Many banks are adopting computer-driven formulae to judge the risks in their businesses and products. The results are likely to persuade them to sell or close some operations and concentrate on areas offering the highest risk-reward profile.

ne institution presenting a powerful argument for specialisation is Bankers Trust in America. The bank was criticised in the late seventies when it sold its retail network, while rival institutions were diversifying and acquiring as fast as they could. With hindsight, the bank's decision to concentrate on the corporate and institutional market are struggling to sell businesses and raise the capital to fund others, Bankers Trust pushes its income ever higher, to \$667 million last year.

The bank is driving towards further specialisation. The loan book has fallen from its \$29 billion peak in 1986 to \$17 billion in order to reduce lending to a bare minimum. Bankers Trust prefers a specialist fee-based advisory service for businesses, and to syndicate loans among other banks.

There is no parallel to Bankers Trust's single-minded approach in Britain, but several institutions are concentrating on specialised markets with considerable success. Lloyds has

focused on the retail market, and become the most profitable bank in Britain. The retail business is a great business and we are good at it," Mr Pitman said. Abbey National too remais concentrated on retail savings and mortgages.

Even the larger banks have taken steps to specialise. Both Bardays and NatWest are restructuring themselves, and both are creating a division which caters for the corpo-rate and institutional markets. BZW division contains all Barclays' trading operations as well as asset manage ment and corporate finance. Nat-West Markets goes one step further

and includes large company lending. While companies and individuals may not always need a bank's balance sheet they will always need expert financial advice and be willing to pay for it. "Some companies are now financially stronger than the banks, so it is only natural they are still a role for banks in advisory work. Corporations will look to people from outside to provide them with ideas," Mr Wanless said.

Reports of the death of the banking industry have been mildly exaggerated. But the carnage in the financial world over the last two years has taught bankers that their employers are not celestial institutions, impervious to the outside world. A bank is as vulnerable to market pressure as any industrial company. The winners in the financial world will be tightly focused businesses which deliver the best services and products to their customers at the best price.

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TERRY Smith, the suspended (325,000-a-year UBS Phillips & Drew analyst, stands to make £16,000 from the 11,500 copies of his controversial book Accounting for Growth sold thus far. His multiples Produces 1 publisher, Random House, which brought forward publication by a month, with paperback versions going into the shops yesterday, has already ordered a re-print as demand exceeded expectations. "Yes, it has amazed us," says Susan West, editorial director for business books. "We always thought it would be a strong book and capture people's imagination but we certainly underestimated it. We thought it would only sell to institutional readers but it has proved so newsworthy that we now hope to sell it to every stockbroker in the City." Smith, due to sign copies at Broadgate today, and Waterstone's on Friday, will put in an additional signing appearance at Harrods tomorrow at the personal invitation of Mohammed Fayed, a venue he will share this autumn with such literary greats as PD James, Dick Frances and Stephen Fry. Harrods spokes-man Michael Cole admits that Fayed may have had more than pure commercial motivation for extending such an

invitation. "We did notice that

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ploying six of the accounting

techniques Smith defines," he



auditor, KPMG, £3.2 million in fees, compared with the £6.5 million BP paid Ernst & Young, even though its humover, at £26 billion, was eight times larger.

Summer's lease THE freehold and headlease of the historic island site at the centre of Covent Garden - the old flower and fruit market has been put up for sale by GRE, the insurance giant. The property, comprising almost 100,000 sq ft of buildings, mostly Grade II listed and including the London Transport Museum, the Theatre Museum, Penhaligons and Rumours Cafe yields more than £1 million a year in rental income and is expected to fetch about £12 million: Chartered surveyor Conrad Rithlat & Co. appointed to market the site, has discovered that instead of a peppercorn rent from the tennant - the says. "Mr Fayed was surprised that it wasn't higher." Cole adds that in 1990 Lourho, Covent Garden Area Trust any new landlord can look forward to receiving, once a year, turnover 13.3 billion, paid its "a posy of flowers and one red

apple". "Peppercorn rents are usually only payable on de-mand and we forgot to ask for it this year but we have received it in the past," says Didier Tandy, GRE's development surveyor. Adding further to the romantic intrigue Tandy reveals that the date that the posy and apple are payable is June 3 and explains that that date was chosen because it was the birthday of one Sylvia Mander, a GLC and then LRB solicitor for more than 20 years, who worked on the project.

Family fortunes

CHRISTOPHER Edge, one time head of research at British & Commonwealth's investment subsidiary Stock Group, and, since March, investment director of Family Assurance, Britain's biggest tax-exempt friendly society - with £500 million under managementhas made his first professional appointment. He has poached Andrew Killean, aged 29, from Brown Shipley. Killean, a European fund manager, started at Family this week but will not be there for long. He leaves this weekend for a twoweek trip to Barbados, where he will, as Edge puts it "sign a major international agreement." Killean is going there to get married before returning to Scotland for the reception. Edge's nine strong team will be reduced, temporarily to seven - Henrietta Lyon. daughter of ex-County man Jeremy Lyon, is also on honeymoon, having wed Mark Bradshaw, of rival firm, Mer-

envelope. Yours faithfully, IAN JESSIMAN, 17 Grange Drive, cury Asset Management.

CAROL LEONARD

Banks' greed depresses borrowing

From G.B. Miller Sir, it has been said that the consumer has no confidence in the future of the economy and is paying off his debts instead of borrowing for new spending. This is probably true. However, there may be another reason.

I have today, by pure coincidence, received my monthly statements of account from the National Westminster Bank and from the Deutsche Bank in Neuss, Germany. Each bank sent me details of their latest overdraft rates.

The NatWest charges 23.2 per cent effective annual rate for approved overdrafts and 37.6 per cent for "unar-ranged" overdrafts, whereas the Deutsche Bank charges 15.25 per cent per annum (16.5 per cent effective annual rate) for approved overdrafts and 18.25 per cent (20 per

Share certificates

From Dr Ian Jessiman

Sir, I would like to support Mr

Lewis in his objections to the

practice by company registrars of sending share certificates at

the recipient's risk (Business

letters, August 14). Apart from

the obvious injustice of such

an arrangement, since the cost

of indemnities if a certificate is

lost are relatively high, the

addressee may not even be

aware, in cases such as a share

split or scrip issue, that a

It also seems to be an excuse

for inefficiency on the part of

registrars. On two occasions,

the last being the Wellcome

issue. I have received the share

certificate in an unscaled

certificate has been sent.

cent effective annual rate) for a "tolerated" overdraft. The NatWest also has an additional charge of £30 a quarter if you have no agreed overdraft or exceed the agreed overdraft limit by more than ESO. Bearing in mind that the

bank rates in the two countries differ by only 0.25 per cent, one wonders why the Brush bank should charge approximately 8 per cent more for an agreed overdraft and 16.5 per cent more for an unarranged overdraft than a German hank Can it be that it is the greed

of our banks which is deter-

ring the consumer from horrowing and putting small enterprises out of business? Yours faithfully. G.B. MILLER, 68 Adisham Green, Church Milton. Sittingbourne, Kent.

From Mr William Latey

Sir, In your leader ("Spend for

recovery", August 10), you suggest wisely that the govern-

ment. having accepted the

twin constraints of the ex-

change-rate mechanism

membership, should adopt a

Keynesian policy of public works investment to revive the

Such a bitter pill for the

government would, perhaps,

be sweetened if some of the

chosen projects were to be

carried out as private sector

into the modern economy.

Secondly, the building of a

replacement for Cunard's much loved but 25-year-old

BUSINESS LEFTERS

'Clear' leases are skewed in favour of the landlord From Mr M.D.T. Evans Sir. Mr S.A. Ettinger's letter

(Business Times, August 13) recording his worries as guarantor of a lease where the rent has been increased at review to a figure far beyond his wildest nightmare, reveals only the tip

of the iceberg.
In the sixues and seventies, a custom grew up in the property industry of refusing to grant leases unless the tenant undertook, not only to pay a rent which at review could only be varied upwards, but also to accept responsibility for everything which might have to be spent on the building, rates, insurance, porters, security staff, central heating, maintenance and re-newal of lifts, boilers etc, repair and renewal of wiring and plumbing installations, internal and external decorating,

even costly repairs arising out

In the economic gloom of

sinking Britain, how long will

it be before the only orders

received by well established

businesses are winding up

How many people would

welcome projects that are something both to be proud of

and offer some prospect of

The prevailing phrase app-

Let's throw away the stick-

ears to be "it can't be done".

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Well, it can and should!

of inherent defects in the DITIKTUTE.

If the tenant rented only part of a building, he was required to contribute a stated proportion of all these EXPORTS.

Leases of this kind were called "clear" leases - the rent receivable by the landlord was clear of all expense to him. Many solicitors keep them on their word processors, and even in the present slump, prospective tenants are asked to accept them.

It is not difficult to work out a fair and reasonable balance of responsibilities between a landlord and tenant, Leases. however, are always drafted by landlords' solicitors.

The "standard form" clear lease is run off from the wordprocessor, and either the tenant signs it because he thinks it is the normal thing to do

ulars, what the tenant's responsibilities are to be, and if necessary negotiate these before solicitors are instructed. Yours faithfully, M. D. T. EVANS,

Llovd's.

Cranbrook Road. Cranbrook

From Mr John Breining-Riches

Sir, Further to Mr S.A. Ettinger's letter (Caveat Emptor, August 13) -how many other tenants in his position, guaranteeing the rent payments of his own company, also realise that their liability lasts the length of the lease?

Should any third party, acquiring the lease, fail to pay rent etc, the landlord can look to the original tenant for settlement. In my experience, this is another facet of the law rarely mentioned to the tenant by his solicitor.

Caveat lessee et lessor. Yours faithfully.
J. BREINING-RICHES, The Coach House, Chagford,

hand-wringing for bellnarmershios. ringing. Yours faithfully, WILLIAM N. LATEY, Two major examples come to mind. Firstly, the East Coast Mo-torway which would at long last bring the eastern counties

Dispensing with the sticking plaster economy

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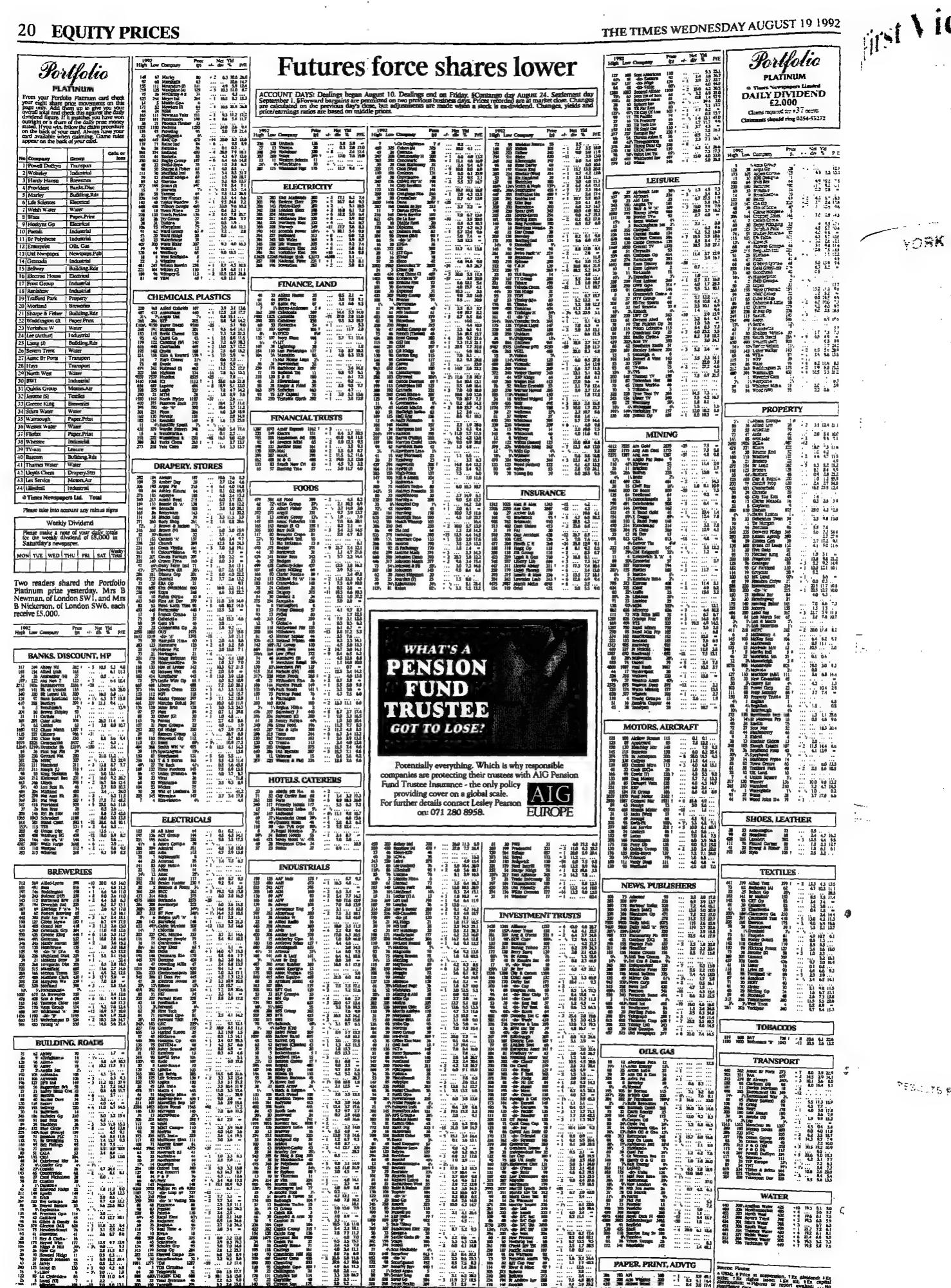
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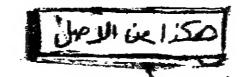
'Never-never' morals From M.G. de St V. Atkins

Sir. The large increase, in the three months to June, of the amount of money repaid to lenders appears to be regarded by our financial wizards as a sign of reprehensible economic conditions - and, no doubt. in terms of modern morality. of inexpiable urpitude as well. I always suspected that the

term "never-never", applied to the means of obtaining goods used by persons with nothing but promises to offer in exchange, had a close semantic relation to the term applied to the world of improbability. How right I appear to have been.

I am, Sìr, Your obedient servant, M.G. de St V. ATKINS, The Cross House. Whittington, Vin Lancaster, Lancashire





First Victory on handy Ebor mark

RICHARD Hannon, enjoy-ing a marvellous season, can extend his lead at the top of the trainers' championship by winning two of the big three races at York today with First Victory in the Tote Ebor and Son Pardo in the Scottish

Equitable Girncrack Stakes. First Victory has run well in the last two renewals of the Tote Ebor, finishing fourth to Further Flight in 1990 and sixth behind Deposki 12 months ago.

The difference this season is that First Victory has been prepared all season with this race very much in mind whereas in previous years he has come here after running

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3.10 FIRST VICTORY (nap).

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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 Hawait Al Barr.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 REALITIES.

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2.35 ASTON UPTHORPE YORKSHIRE DAKS -(Group I: fillies: £77,728: 1m 31 195yd) (8 runners)

(Handicap: £72,714: 1m 5/ 194yd) (22 runners)

2.05 Mind The Roof.

5.15 WESTERN APPROACH

MANDARIN

well in a number of good staying handicaps.
First Victory failed to win
last season but ran some
outstanding races off big weights in defeat, finishing third in both the Bessborough Stakes at Royal Ascot and the Northumberland Plate at

Newcastle. The six-year-old can now race off a mark of 88, 9lb lower than 12 months ago. and has had two gentle pipe-openers to put him right for his main objective.
Deposici has clearly been

trained with a repeat bid in

mind but First Victory has a 13lb pull for ten lengths (after weight for age) with Michael (1989) and River Falls (1991). Stoute's four-year-old and Prankie Dettori is unlikely to be allowed to steal a march on his rivals as Francis Norion

did 12 months ago.
Dangers abound, with Itqan, from a stable returning to its best, and Holy Zeal, third two years ago, two lively outsiders. However, First Victory is a sporting map to make it third time lucky. Son Pardo, who made an

abortive trip to Ireland ten days ago, can complete the Hannon double and give the East Everleigh trainer his fourth Girncrack triumph in

4.15 ANDY CAPP HANDICAP

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3.45 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE GINICRACK STAKES

(Group II: 2-Y-O colts & geldings: £61;353: 6f) (8 runners)

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BETTING: 5-2 Peturdia, 7-2 Son Pardo, 4-1 Silver Worms, 7-1 Splenders, 8-1 Bucknown, Fertings Cay, 10-1 Grant's Biol, 20-1 Blow Dry.

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BETTING: 13-2 Mustalier, 15-2 Cession, 8-1 Badsel. Two Left Feet, Major Musse, 10-1 Combiner Challenge Locky Quest, Psy Homage, 12-1 Bo De Chyper, You Register, Junior: Serry, Meliothe, Johns, 16-1 others.

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5.15 FALMOUTH HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £11,160: 5f) (13 runners)

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Salection: BADAWI

Drawn nine of nine for the Heinz 57 Phoenix Stakes at Leopardstown, Son Pardo was one of three runners to race on the far side there, the trio finishing tailed off behind the sextet on the stands side because of the yielding

That run can be safely ignored and indeed the eventual winner, stable companion Pips Pride, actually franked the form of Son Pardo's previous run in the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood, where my selection had Pips Pride back in fifth.

Darbonne, fourth at Goodwood, looks held, even on 51b better terms, and bigger dangers may be Coventry Stakes winner Petardia and Norfolk Stakes runner-up Silver Wizard, who will appre ciate this extra furlong. User Friendly can extend her unbeaten run to five and

group one success by outstay-ing her seven rivals in the Aston Upthorpe Yorkshire Bill Gredley's resolute galloper, who will relish the long York straight, may have most to fear from the Michael Stoute-trained pair, Niodini

and Bineyah. The latter showed much improved form

gain her third consecutive

to finish fourth to User Friendly at the Curragh. He De Chypre, who won the Juddmonte International at this meeting three years ago. can show he is no back number by defying top weight in the Andy Capp Handicap. Guy Harwood's seven-year-old has run creditably in three group races this season since returning from the United States and will prove hard to

catch despite his welter

burden.

Bonny Scot underlines his Doncaster classic claims

By MICHAEL SEELY

BONNY Scot stamped himself as a potential winner of the St Leger with an authoritative victory in the Great Voltigeur Stakes at York yesterday.

Ridden with style and confidence by Frankie Dettori, the 11-8 favourite mastered Sonus entering the last fur-long and went clear to win by one-and-a-half lengths.

Assessor, making his comeback after a disappointing performance in the Derby. finished a further two-and-ahalf lengths away third. In 1984. Luca Cumani.

yesterday's winning trainer, captured the final classic with Commanche Run, the sire of Bonny Scot. "He reminds me a lot of his father," Cumani said. "Both physically and in the way he's suddenly starting to come to himself in the second half of the season."

Having been narrowly beaten by Rain Rider at Newmarket, Lord Weinstock's homebred colt won the Gordon Stakes at Goodwood on his

"He's suddenly starting to Eddery. "He is lame and work and race like a good horse," Cumani added. This we've had to give him a painkilling injection," Barry Hills, his trainer, said. "We don't race would have put him spot know what's wrong yet." on for Doncaster." The second and third will

Hills enjoyed better fortune renew rivalry with Bonny Scot when his son, Michael, on Town Moor. "Assessor ran partnered Further Flight to well enough but he needs a an easy win over Landowner much stronger gallop." Richard Hannon said. "Let's hope in the Lonsdale Stakes.

"He won it in a matter of strides and then pricked his cars," said the trainer. "I wish he was in the Ebor tomorrow as he had such an easy race. He'll now either go for the Doncaster Cup or the Irish St

Other well-backed winners were Woodchat, who gave Paul Cole his 29th two-yearold winner of the season in the Deploy Acomb Stakes and Daru, the 5-1 favourite, in the Racecali Melrose Handicap.

Daru was repaying a debt to Steve Cauthen on his first day back from a ten-day riding suspension. The grey was one of the two horses to land Cauthen in hot water over his use of the whip at Goodwood three weeks ago.

he gets it at Doneaster."

Colorific, an easy winner at

Newmarket on his previous

start, was pulled up by Pat

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	6 (9) 6-536 MARITIME LADY 11 (V) (Chembry Park Stud) M Stoute 3-9-3					
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	9 (10) 643123 ROCA MEIRADA 20 (6F,D,S) (7 Corby) M Ryan 3-8-12					
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3	(f)	453-512	BRIGGS LAD 16 (F) (F Briggs) W James 3-11-4	86			
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5		05-513	BANDOLINE 32 (F) (Shalith Mathemated) B Hills 3-11-2. Eve Johnson Houghton	91			
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5.30 COBHOLM FILLIES HANDICAP (£2,574: 1m 3f 101yd) (10 runners) (7) D-442 LADY DUNDER 40 (J Sanne) Mrs J Coci 3-9-12.

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(7) 054 SHAMM HEBRITS 30 (P Harris) P Harris P Harris 3-9-7.

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(10) 055 JADE MISTRESS 25 (Air C Blence) A High 3-9-5.

(9) 0615-01 SHAMOISO 60 (D) (N Yamplore) M Ryan 3-9-12.

(5) 00-3653 PRISH HONEY 15 (D in Hyade) B Harrisary 3-9-1.

(8) 050-00 POSITIVE ASPECT 105 (Miss A Landard) J Plants 3-9-7.

(6) 02-0000 ALMAYS ALEX 41 (F) (Mrs.) J Harris P Blants 5-7-72.

(8) 125-0000 ALMAYS ALEX 41 (F) (Mrs.) J Mrs.) P Blants 5-7-72. SETTING: 5-2 Lady Decider. 7-2 Stationals, 4-1 Hester Sambape, 5-1 Itah Hessey, 5-1 Laughton Lady, 10-1 Station Brd, 12-1 Office

☐ Jockey Billy Newnes will be out of action for at least a month after being taken to hospital in Swindon yesterday for an eye operation. "A filly in Germany on Sunday smashed me in the face during the race." Newnes said. A doctor told Newnes yesterday that he had a detached retina.

1991: FANCY ME 3-9-5 M Tebbut (6-1) W James 12 ran

KEMPTON PARK

5.40 Sarah-Clare. 6.10 Hallorina. 6.40 Hameem. 7.10 Abtaat. 7.40 Mahlil. 8.10 Running Gilmpse. THUNDERER 5.40 Loki, 6.10 Bonjour, 6.40 Lord Chickney, 7.10 Bobbie Dec. 7.40 Port In Storm, 8.10 Darussalam. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.10 Abtaal.

DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

5.40 FORESTER APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£3,106: 1m 2f) (9 numers)

3-1 Bunjaur. 6-1 Par O' Jacks. Sarmly Finesse. 7-1 Halloren, 6-1 Fineslav. 9-1 Remanlys Prima. 10-1 Top Pd., Mr Booch, 14-1 others.

11-4 Land Chickey, 7-2 Amici, 9-2 Hencem, 5-1 Saya, 7-1 Amiro, 10-1 Agnuto, 12-1 Jahangia, 20-1 cities.

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7.10 LBC NEWSTALK 97.3 FM STAKES

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FARLEY R Ausbard 8-12.
FRE DI MY BODY P Chappin-Hyam 8-12.
WHATTA RIVER W Hern 8-12.
WHENDA RED J Gooden 8-12.
MARION MASINFRO B Hills 8-12.
MANDORSH P Code 8-12.
MODRISH P Code 8-12.
FED WHIBLIAMIN M Stode 8-12.
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6 BOBBER DEE 21 D Elsentin 8-7.
HARD TASK R. Lofteson Houghten 8-7.
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7.40 PREMIER MARKETS HANDICAP

3-1 Port in A Storm, 4-1 Minnist, 5-1 Lumon's Mill, 13-2 Lutour, 7-1 Asian Punter, 8-1 Conditionne, 10-1 Canada Impressive, 12-1 cations

8.10 CONFEDERACY HANDIGAP (£3,184: 61) (17)

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7-1 Massum, 8-1 Sunning Climpon, 9-1 Revolver Fluet, 10-1 Olion Topsce, Zefonlin, 11-1 Damasalam, 12-1 Pay's Song, Beligly, 14-1 values. **COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRANEPS: A Scott, 9 visiners from 34 numers, 26.5%; L. Cumans, 9 from 49, 18.4%; § Halls, 13 from 71, 18.3%; J. Gosden, 12 from 65, 18.2%; M. Shoute, 13 from 74, 17.6%; B. Haubury, 7 from 42, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS Tracey Pussophore, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50%; Amelogdie Armes, 3 stem 18, 22 1%; 5 Camben, 24 from 137, 18,3%, A Merro, 15 from 188, 14,4%; W Cargon, 31 from 221, 14%; R Cochiane, 23 from 168, 13,7%.

Leading Ebor fancies eliminated

FIVE of the leading contenders for today's £100,000-added Tote Ebor at York were eliminated at yesterday's overnight declaration stage.
With a safety limit of 22 for

the race, there were II eliminations including Turgenev, Mull House, Aude La Belle, Barrish and Legion Of Turgenev, installed favour-

ite when the Ebor weights were published, is now likely to tackle tomorrow's Ladbroke Knavesmire Handicap over one-and-a-half miles.

Mull House, whose longterm target is the Cesarewitch, may go for a handicap at Sandown on Saturday. The eliminations mean that

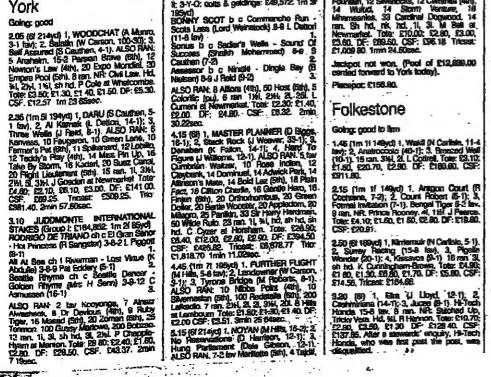
winning ante-post bets on the race are subject to a deduction of 15p in the pound. With Turgeney out, Mich-

ael Stoute, last year's successful trainer, supplies the probable favourité in Hawait Al Barr.



2381, 40, 2005 5, 1005 6. 3.10 JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL STAKES (Group I: E184,862 1m 2i 85yd) RODRIGO DE TRIANO d) c El Gran Senor Hot Princess (R Sangster) 3-8-2 L Piggott 8.11 (6-1) All At Sen ch | Fluerman - Lost Virtue (K All At Sen ch | Fluerman - Lost Virtue (K All At Sen ch | Fluerman - Lost Virtue (K All At Sen ch | Fluerman - Lost Virtue (K All At Sen ch | Sen ch | Sen ch | Golden Rhyme (Arts H Senn) 3-8-12 C Asmussen (16-1)

Going: good





WESTERN APPROACH best Application 4 in 7-namer Neutranial (6) good to firm) stake: race on penaltizatio stat. ECHO-LOSICAL best Balled Dancer 41 in 4-anner Art (5), good; claimer. VENTURE CAPITALIST beat The New Self SI in 11-namer Saltborn; 65, firm) claimer. BUHTY BOO best Arisist Real Int in 7-more Chester (5), good; best Arisist Real Int in 7-more Chester (5), good; best Arisist Real Int in 7-more Chester (5), good bandings with ECHO-LOSICAL, 19th tenter of) 31 44m CASTLETER ARD best Arctic Appeal 214 in 4-more Raydock (6), good to firm) claimer. BODANI Int 2nd of 7 to Namero's Top in Newbury

TRAINERS

Jackpot not won. (Pool of £12,899.00 carried forward to York today). Placepot: £158.80. Folkestone Going: good to firm

1.45 (1m 11 149yd) 1, Wakii (N Carlete, 11-4 lav): 2, Anatroccolo (40-1); 3, Bresced Well (10-1), 15 ran. 394, 2l. L. Coltrell, Toter (23.10; 21.50, 220.70, 52.90. DF: \$180.60. CSF: \$2311.80. 2.15 (1m 1f 149yd) 1. Aregon Court (R Cochsina, 7-2); 2. Court Rober (5-1); 3. Formal Instation (7-1). Bengal Tiges 5-2 fav., 9 ran, NR. Princa Rooney, 41, 188 J. Pierres. Tota: 5-2, 10; 21.60, 21.60, 52.90. DF: £19.40, CSF: £20.91. 2.50 (6) 189yd) 1, Kirtemus (N Carleie, 5-1).
2, Surey Racing (15-8 fau). 3, Pigale
Wonder (20-1): 4, Kissavos (5-1) 16 ran 3, and Showbrook.
31 80, C1.30, 55.80, C1.70, OF: 25.80, CSF:
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Menor. The high contingent included and Showbrook.

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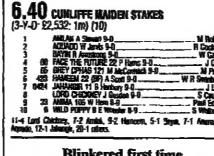
CSP: 59:24. 4.25 (Im 40), Island Blade (R Perham, 13-2); 2, Cathor (6-1); 3, Severase (3-1 plan), Shayna Madda 3-1 plan; 7 mm, 14, 254. R Alastrust, Total: \$10.70; \$3:20, \$3:20. DF: \$8.0. CSF: \$41.22. 4.55 (2m 89yd) 1, Sharp Top IP McCaba, 7-1); 2, Arctic Spiendour (3-1)-Fayl, 3, Podrida (7-1) Genstal Phop 3-1 (-Fay 6 an 7, 84 M Ryen, Yotek 27-50; 21,7-2 21,70, 52-50, DF: \$13.50, CSF: \$28.20. Tecast: \$1-43.56. ☐ British stables provide five of the 11 runners in the group three Prix de Meautry (6f) at Deauville today. They are Thourios, Twafeaj, Notley, Bletchley Park and Amigo Menor. The home-trained

(8, good to soft) hundrage on perceivate start with SUPER ROCKY (11th bester of) as 3nd and NEDYS BOMANZA (3th bester of) 3s44 7th, EDUCATED PET best Create Days at hid as 5-susser Neumarkate (3, good) handrage on penaltimale start. SABOLEHOME \$41 2nd of 8 to SIGA-Ces in SOGMOD (5), good) handrage with SOGMOD (5), good) handrage with SOGMOD (5), good) handrage with SOGMO (5), good handrage with SOGMO (5), good handrage with SOGMO (5), good handrage with 8 to Society (5), good (6), good handrage with 9 to SIGA-Ces in SOGMOD (6), good handrage with 9 to 8 to SIGA-Ces in SOGMOD (6), good handrage with 9 to 8 to SIGA-Ces in SOGMOD (6), good handrage with 9 to 8 to SIGA-Ces in SIGA-CES

Rides &

contingent includes Ganges ☐ Bruce Raymond was given a six-day ban for careless riding on Hi-Tech Honda disqualified from first place in the Kentish Express Maiden Stakes at Folkestone yester-

7-2 Up All Night, 4-1 Lady Laxey, 6-1 Bowlet Boy, 15-2 Sarah-Chen, High Semanate, 7-1 Laki, Cellar Brady, 14-1 Junial, 20-3 Mathesians Auction. 6.10 WIGAN NURSERY HANDICAP 3.55 (9) 1, Snowy River (R Cochrene, 10-11. fav); 2, Daming Past (6-1), 3, My Best Valentine (50-1), 11 ran. 3M, M. J Scargii Totas £1.90; £1.10, £2.40, £5.50. DF: £6.30 CSF: £9.24 (2-Y-0: £2,595: 6f) (13) 8 0111 HALLORINA 20 (D.F.E.) w Wighton 8-1 6 Bardwell 1 10 0130 CAPS ANE 17-790 18 (F) J Scarpe 7-13 J J Outen 13 11 3054 RICH MIDAS 11 G Linig 7-8 C Humbery (7) E 12 0532 MR BUTCH 12 M Change 7-1 10 1544 RICH MIDER 14 (B) M February Society 7-7 American 3-10 15 1544 RICH MIDER 14 (B) M February 5-6 American 3-1 10 1544 RICH MIDER 14 (B) M February 7-7 American 3-1 10 1544 RICH MIDER 14 (B) M February 7-7 American 3-1 10 1544 RICH MIDER 14 (B) M February 7-7 American 3-1 10 1544 RICH MIDER 14 (B) M February 7-7 American 3-1 10 1544 RICH MIDER 15 (B) M February 7-7 American 3-1 10 1544 RICH MIDER 15 (B) M February 8-1 10 1544 RICH MIDER 15 (B) M



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BOWLS

Rabkin

keeps

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record

BY GORDON ALLAN JEFF Rabkin, a South African who plays for Israel, preserved his unbeaten record in his section of the Woolwich world

championship singles when he wore down Bill Moseley. of

South Africa, 25-12 at Wor-

thing yesterday.

Moseley uses what is known

as the South African clinic

delivery: a fixed stance, semi-

upright, on the mat, which its

proponents say is the simplest and best style. It has served him well this week, helping him to beat the three Com-monwealth Games medal-winners, Richard Corsie, Rob

Parrella and Mark McMa-

hon. He recovered from a

losing position against Corsie on Sunday and did the same against McMahon yesterday. McMahon led 22-14 and

failed to score another shot.

Rabkin also established a

big lead but kept it, getting

close with his first bowls and

easing out Moseley's counters with impressive facility. It was

a fine demonstration of length

led by Duncan Naysmith, of Zambia, Tony Allcock, of Eng-

land, had two uncomplicated victories, while Peter Belliss, of

New Zealand, the 1984 cham-

pion, scored three on the last

end to beat David Le Mar-

John Ottaway, Roy Cutts

Andy Thomson and John

Bell, of England, had their

fours, 32-18 over Kenya. Scot-

land and Wales are in the top

It was announced yesterday

that a World Bowls Players'

Association has been formally

four in the other section.

quand, of Jersey, 25-24.

In the other section, which is

Seam and spin end stiff resistance

Pringle and Such maintain pace of Essex title drive

COLCHESTER (first day of three; Essex won toss): Essex, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 267 runs behind

ONE of Essex's most endearing qualities is their gift for finding unlikely heroes. On Monday it was Peter Such: yesterday Derek Pringle joined him, the pair taking four wickets apiece as the championship leaders had the better of an absorbing day.

In other counties, the future of out-grounds like Castle Park is becoming increasingly uncertain, with costs mounting and the change to four-day cricket cutting the number of fixtures. There are no such doubts in Essex, where the out-grounds are well supported, and their pitches tend to

be of the "interesting" variety. For Essex virtually to sew up the championship at Col-chester in the middle of August has become something of a modern tradition, from the days of Acfield and East, as the spinners came into their own on dry turning pitches. Back then the seam bowlers also made valuable contributions, and so it proved yesterday, as another good crowd turned up to enjoy the progress. For some time yesterday,

Sri Lanka move into lead

Colombo: Asanka Gurusinha and Arjuna Ranatunga shared an unbroken fourthwicket partnership of 128 as Sri Lanka took control of the first Test match against Aus-

tralia here yesterday.

By the end of the second day, Sri Lanka, replying to Australia's 256, had made 265 for three wickets, well placed to establish an imposing lead and set Australia the hard task of surviving on a pitch that is already encourag-

Gurusinha, playing the anchor role after the early dismissal of Hathurusinghe, scored an unbeaten 87 in 291 minutes with 13 fours. When he reached 43, he passed 1,000 runs in Test cricket. Ranatunga was the more enterprising batsman in his unbeaten innings of 69. He was severe on Warne, the leg spinner, hitting him for 29 runs in three overs, which included three sixes.

Resuming at nine without loss, Sri Lanka reached 36 before Waugh broke through for Australia in the seventeenth over, having Hathurusinghe caught at sec-ond slip by Taylor. Gurusinha and Mahanama added 92 for the second wicket, taking Sri Lanka to 128 before Waugh, in his second spell, broke through again, inducing Mahanama to edge a ball that Healy, the wicketkeeper, held on to as he dived low to

his right.

Mahanama scored 78 in 212 minutes and Australia had another success before tea when the off spinner, Matthews, trapped de Silva legbefore for six. However, that was to be Australia's only joy, as Gurusinha and Ranatunga dominated after tea. (Reuter)

Hampshire handed home draw

HAMPSHIRE, the Benson and Hedges Cup holders, have been drawn at home to Combined Universities in the preliminary round of next season's competition. If successful, they will be away to Durham or Minor Counties.

After 21 years, the competi-1993, with the group matches being replaced with a straight Counties, Combined Universities and Scotland are joined by seven first-class counties in the preliminary round on Tuesday, April 27, with the first round being staged on Tues-day, May 11.

day, May 11.

DRAWY: Prelimitery round: Durham v Minor Counties, Hampshire v Combined Universities, Scotland v Essay, Gloucestarshire v Debyerine, Kent v Giermongan. (Ties to be played on Tiesday, April 27). First round: Yorkshire v Northampisnshire, Gloucestarshire or Debyerine v Middiesex, Surrey v Lancashire, Kant or Giermongan v Sussax, Durham or Minor Counties v Hampshire or Contined Universities, Nottlinghemshire v Scotland or Essay, Locastarshire v Warwickshire. (Ties to be played on Tuesday, May 11).

Surrey appeared not to have turn as they advance on the championship was reaching unstoppable proportions, and Lynch and Bicknell batted with some assurance. The first

and last words went to the

championship leaders. Pringle, impressively for someone who had ruled himself unfit for the England oneday squad, led the way in a sustained spell before lunch. His figures of four for 63 did not flatter him, and Ilott can

Rain delayed the start by half an hour, and in a humid atmosphere the ball moved around and seamed, giving Surrey a difficult start. Sargeant survived two confident appeals for catches before being trapped by Pringle, and

rarely have bowled better for

Thorpe, pushing forward, edged to Garnham.
But then Lynch, the acting captain, came in to join Darren Bicknell and the resistance began in earnest. Bicknell eventually became Pringle's third victim, an expansive stroke yielding only an edge, but in mid-afternoon, as Ilott's expressions of frustration almost got the better of

considerably more than stubborn opposition, as Lynch batted with almost regal style. Cutting and driving imperi-ously, he hit 18 fours off 191 balls in his century, his 34th for Surrey in first-class cricket. Ward and Brown lent steady support, and at 250 for four, Surrey looked set to make Essex work hard if they were

While Surrey prospered, Such had stood ruminatively at long leg as Essex used five bowlers. After 72 overs he was finally called into action, to ironic cheers from his new fan club by the sightscreen, and the balance tilted.

Lynch, who had just reached his hundred, went for a big hit, mistimed it and skied to cover. In the next over Pringle made his final contribution, getting the dangerous Brown lbw as he pushed forward, and Essex were

among the tail.

Such needed no further invitation, Still, at 28, looking. like a gangly youth who has wandered on to the field by mistake, he is bowling better, and more confidently, than at any time in his career. He has taken ten wickets in the past two days; it will be surprising if the tally does not increase

Nottinghamshire counter-attack

By RICHARD STREETON

SCARBOROUGH (first day of three; Nottinghamshire won toss): Yorkshire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are eight runs behind Nottinghamshire

A DEPLETED Nottingham-shire side, with three successive defeats behind them, seemed once again to have faltered in their efforts to stay in the championship race yesterday when they were dis-missed for 152. By the close, however. Yorkshire had been gritty, tense match looks in

prospect. Ironically, it was Pennett, who last year was attached to the Yorkshire cricket academy, who made the early inroads for Nottinghamshire Two splendid yorkers accounted for Moxon and Kellett after Yorkshire had made a promising start. Then Metcalfe played across the line fatally against Hemmings before Cairns returned and claimed Tendul-

In one of his last innings for Yorkshire, Tendulkar had played with typical definess and charm, his strokes including a straight six against Hemmings. Tendulkar was told at the weekend by the Indian authorities that he must return home next week to play in domestic

competitions. These are being used as trials for the Indian tour to Zimbabwe and South Africa, which starts in October. Yorkshire are still hoping that Tendulkar can stay for Yorkshire's game against Surrey

Gloucs y Northants

when they return to Bradford on Friday for the first time since 1985.

Meanwhile, for 15 wickets to fall on the first day at Scarborough was unusual, and throughout there was more bounce in the pitch than is customary on this square. More than one batsmen, however, brought about his own downfall with a poor stroke. Notinghamshire's injury hoodoo continues to linger.

with Evans and French the latest victims, while Lewis was were quickly reduced to 34 for four before Cairns and Archer added 103 in 29 overs to provide the only resistance. Nottinghamshire went on to lose their last six wickets for 15 runs. Archer, who has been scoring heavily for the second team, had been unexpectedly preferred to Randall and was playing only his second first-

ciass game. Hartley was responsible for Yorkshire's fine start when he dismissed Broad, Robinson and Crawley in 16 balls at a cost of only five runs. Cairns always looked for runs and hit eight fours and three spectacu-

When Batty came on. Cairns was caught behind to the off-spinner's second ball as he made room to cut. Archer, who resisted staunchly for 33 overs, was seventh out when he drove a low catch to short extra cover and the innings rapidly ended.

Chris Adams, of Derbyshire, has been named Whittingdale young cricketer of the month for July.



Vaughan leads

recovery

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE. seeking a third win in four games in their late bid for the championship, got the four bowling points they sought when they put Gloucestershire in at Bristol yesterday but lost the position of dominance which they achieved soon after lunch (Geoffrey Wheeler writes)

After their recent unhappy experiences against Wasim Akram, Gloucestershipe col-lapsed again and were 113 for six. But the seventh-wicket pair, Tim Hancock, 20, and New Zealand doctor Justin Vaughan dug in to change the course of the day. They added 141 before Hancock, who became increasingly aggressive, fell for 82. With Walsh for company, Vaughan se-cured the fourth batting point and was last man out at 346. cruelly one run short of what would have been his maiden

championship hundred. Mark Benson and Neil Taylor both hit centuries as Kent piled up 414 for three against Leicestershire at Grace Road, adding 235 in 70 overs for the second wicket. Taylor reached 144 - his first century of the season — before being bowled by Winston Benjamin, who had dropped him at second slip when 29. He hit 23 fours, seven more

than his captain, who was third out for 139. Tony Cottey, playing despite pain from a broken thumb, was top scorer with 62 as Glamorgan struggled to reach 170 at Chesterfield against Derbyshire, for whom Devon Malcolm took five for 45.

Richard Illingworth's deputy, Richard Stemp, claimed his third five-wicket haul of the season for Worcestershire at Weston-super-Mare, where Somerset fought back from 81 for five to 293 for nine on a

Nicholas rides his luck

By JACK BAILEY

BOURNEMOUTH (first day Hampshire have scored 341

MIDDLESEX'S long run on the outside in the County Championship Stakes suffered a double stumble yesterday. The first was courageously self-inflicted and involved the dropping of Mark Ramprakash for disciplinary reasons. The second lay with Mark Nicholas's highest score of the season and with Aying's highest champ-ionship innings. Ayling's part-nership with Aymes added 111 in 32 overs for the seventh wicket just as Middlesex seemed to have overcome the

handicap of adding four missed chances to their other The chief beneficiary was Nicholas, who gave three chances on his way to 95. You could not help feeling that he deserved a bit of luck, for he same bowler as Haynes spilled a chance on the mid-wicket

stood firm for nearly four hours while Gatting rang the bowling changes and probed incessantly with an attack which used Emburey in a pivotal role. Troubles as well as triumphs have beset the Hampshire captain this sea-son and an elusive century would have been his due in this last match at Dean Park.

Certainly, he served Hampshire well yesterday. Middleton, in unusually free vein, had fallen at 16 caught be-hind down the leg side in the day's third over and Gower, alas firm-footed, had waved fatally outside the off stump before Nicholas appeared, and only 40 runs were on the board. He reached 31 before being dropped at slip and, soon after taking 14 in an over

Nicholas was to score 11

fours as well as that six and share in profitable partner-ships of 70 with James, 48 with Cox and 60 with Marshall before Ayling and Aymes set to work. These two made batting look relatively easy. Both reached chanceless half-centuries before Ayling

was well caught by Weekes at deep mid-wicket. Aymes, last out, pulled a long hop from Emburey to square leg — a ball bad enough to get him out where many good ones had failed. But it was Hampshire's day, for Middlesex looked out of sorts from the moment they stepped on to the field, thinking no doubt of absent friends. Emburey will have bowled far better for less reward than his five wickets here but the old boy does keep reeling them in.

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constituted, with David Bry ant as its chairman.

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YACHTING

Watkins is lifted by light wind

AS NICK Booth and his crew, all of whom have multiple scienosis, reached Lerwick last night at the end of the second stage of the Hartlepool Re-naissance Round Britain race, Mike Slade and Colin Watkins were already battling it out to see who would be first to reach Hartlepool, the third stopower in this I 860-mile circumnavigation (Barry Pick-

thall writes). .The prevailing light southerly winds favour Watkins's smaller but lighter Armed Forces entry, Dump Truck, which quickly broke clear of Slade's early covering tartice and had established a 100yard lead by the time the larger, cruising maxi, Ocean Leopard, had cleared the protecting headland.

These light breezes have helped Matthew Humphries and his Youth Challenge crew to climb to within 21 minutes in the handicap listings be-hind Chris Little's leading yacht, Bounder.

Favourites such as Tom and Vicky Jackson's heavy displacement yacht. Sunstone, which had been lying second to Bounder after the first stage to Cork, fared less well in the mixed conditions.

LATEST PRESHERS: Second leg: 6, Quello of Wight (D Pan); 7, Dolphin (J Hatfield); 8, Comix II (R Raven); 9, Samantha (A Duin, Holl); 10, Hamburg (G Christiannen, Ger); 11, Sea Bisout II (P Stallord); 12, Flourishing (R England Hopkins); 13, Sunstone (T and V Jeckson); 14, Multiple Challenge (N Booth).

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Bowlers stand by Atherton

off Emburey, scored six off the

BY IVO TENNANT.

EDGBASTON (first day of three; Lancashire won toss): Lancashire, with all their firstinnings wickets in hand, are 133 runs behind Warwick-

THEORETICALLY. Warwickshire can still win the championship. In reality, they have not a scintilla of hope unless they but for the remainder of the season with greater conviction than they managed yesterday. Given a century opening partnership, they ultimately mustered no more

than 203. This, mark you, was on a pitch more meritorious than Lancashire's acting captain can have imagined on winning the toss. If Atherton's decision to field was at all influenced by Donald being on the opposing side, no matter. His bowlers had one

of their best days of the symmer.

When Moles and Twose were putting on 111 for the first wicket in their measured way, it would not have been surprising if one or two bowlers had averted gazing at the captain. In the past week, Lancashire's coach and two senior professionals have been dismissed. An end to their dismal season cannot come quickly enough. Yet Chapple, a lively medi-

um pacer who played for England Under-19 over the weekend, took two wickets largely through being mus-tard keen. Fitton bowled unchanged between lunch and tea and very tidily, too. As for Watkinson, alternating between quicker and slower styles as if he were a latterday Sobers, he surpassed himself. With his last two balls of his

sixth over, bowling now at inedium pace, he had Twose and Ostler leg before. The first ball of his next over clipped Penney's off bail, the batsman playing all round the line. It was his first hat-trick and elevated him into the company of Wasim Akram, no less, the last Lancashire cricketer to achieve this. Although Moles gamely

kept up his concentration and consolidation. Warwickshire's innings never recovered. They were not helped by Paul Smith having a stomach bug and being unable to bat, but there were some unworthy shots in the afternoon session. Lloyd did not pick Watkinson's slower ball and was held at square leg. The other Smith, Neil, flayed at Chapple and was taken at the wicket.

In reply, Mendis and Atherton had made 70 by the close.

M Lathwell hit wicket b Radford ...
N A Folland c Rhodes b Tolley ...
"C J Tavaré c Haynes b Sterap
IN D Burns low b Newport ...
G D Rose c Rhodes b Sterap
K H MacLesy low b Sterap
R P Snell b Newport
N A Mallender c Radford b Sterap
N R Caddick not out

BRISTOL (first day of three; Northempton-shire won loss): Gloucestershire have accred 346 against Northemptonshire GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Irvings GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First hiving
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"A J Wright b Penberthy
M W Alleyne c Forthern b Penberthy
R I Dawson c Felton b Ambrose
HR C Russel low b Capel
T C Vaughen c Capel b Cook
T C Walghen c Capel b Cook
C A Walsh c Taylor b Cook
M Davies not our Extras (b 4, lb 11, w 2, nb 3)

FALL OF WICKETS, 1-7, 2-78, 3-78, 4-78, 5-113, 8-113, 7-254, 8-254, 8-312. 80WLING: Ambrose 13-8-28-1; Taylor 19-3-60-1; Curran 21-4-59-0; Capel 28-6-55-4; Penberthy 15-1-58-2; Cook 12-3-51-2; Balley 3-0-12-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: A Fordhern, N A Felton, "F J Basiey, D J Capel, R J Warren, K M Cumar, to Ripley, A L Penberthy, N G B Cook, J P Taylor and C E L Ambrose. Bonus points: Gloucestershire 4, North-Umpires: J W Holder and K E Palmer.

"RT Robinson c Janvis o Harney
M A Crawley c Mooon b Hartley
G F Archer c Micron b Robinson
C L Calms c Blalery b Battly
G W Miles c Mooon b Battly
E F Hernmings c Mooon b Battly
T Brammel b Robinson
D B Pennett c Carrick b Robinson

JA Afford not out. Estras (lb 2, w 1, nb 14) Total (56.1 overs) ______ 152 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-18, 3-30, 4-34, \$-137, 8-137, 7-137, 8-148, 9-148. BOWLING: Jarvis 10-2-21-0; Hartley 15-3-40-3; Robinson 12-1-2-36-3; Tendullar 6-1-13-1; Certick 8-1-28-0; Batty 5-1-12-3. YORKSHIRE First Imings

"M D Mozon b Pennett S A Kellett b Pennett A A Melcalle buy b Hermanings S R Tendular a Archer b Calms TR J Blakey not out C White a Branning b Calms P W Jervis not out S C White a Branning b Calms P W Jervis not out S Total (5 wide, 50 overs) P Carrick, P J Harriey, J D Batty and M A Robinson to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-77, 3-115, 4-115, 5-126. Bonus points: Yorkshire 4, Nottingham-ehire 3.

Umpires: A.A. Junes and R.C. Tolchard. COLCHESTER (first day of three; Easer won toss); Easex, with all lirst-innings wickets in hand, are 267 runs behind

SURPREY: First Innings SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell c Gamham b Pringle

IN F Sargaant Itw b Pringle

G P Thorpe c Gamham b Pringle

M A Lynch c Topley b Such

D M Ward at Gamham b Stephenson a
A D Brown bw b Pringle

M P Bicknell b Such

M P Bicknell b Such

J E Benjamin c Knight b Such Total (82.1 overs) 282
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-40, 3-113, 4203, 5-252, 6-253, 7-280, 8-285, 9-286,
80, MulnG: Pringle 21-1-83-4; lott 16-349-0, Topley 13-2-45-0, Stephenson 14-254-1; Childs 18-7-53-0; Such 10.1-3-22-4.

Extres (nb 1) ____ Total (no wkt, 4 overs) _ J J B Lewis, N Hussain, N V Knight, †M J Gamham, D R Pringle, T D Topley, M C Raft, P M Such and J H Childs to bet Bonus points: Essex 4, Surrey 3. Umpires: D O Oelear and R A White. Derbys v Glam

*P J Pricherd not out ______
J P Stephenson not out _____

CHESTERFELD (first day of three; Derby-shire won tous): Derbyshire, with eight thei-Intings vacietis in hand, are 77-runs behind Genorgen GLAMORGAN: First Innings

GLAMORGAY: First Innings
S P James c Adorre b Werner 13
H Morrs b Melcolm 12
A Date c Knicken b Melcolm 13
IV A Richard c Bowler b Melcolm 13
IV A Richards b Warner 14
P A Cottley c Knicken b Melcolm 62
R D B Croft b Behop 62
T C P Melcon c O'Gorman b Griffith 14
S Bastien c O'Gorman b Martensan 1
S L Watter c and b Melcolm 4
S D Thomes not out 4 Extras (85 5, w 3, rb 6) Total (76.2 overs)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-29, 3-58, 4-59, 5-74, 8-62, 7-110, 8-128, 9-147.

SOMUNIA: Beings 14-4-22-1; Mignersen 20-2-47-1; Mignorm 18-2-8-45-5, Warner 18-5-29-2; Goffen 6-2-22-1. DERBYSHARE: First Imags Monis c H Monis b Thomas ___ Betras (nb 3) Total (2 wida, 33 overe) C. J. Adams, F. A. Griffen, 11K M. Krildeen, I. R. Bishop, A. E. Wärner, D. E. Malcolm and O. H. Montensen to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-69.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 4, Glamorgan

Umplett: J C Balderstone and H D Bird.

LBCESTER (first day of three; Leicester-shire won soes): Kont have scored 414 for three wickets against Leicestershire ICENT: First Innings "M R Berson at Nison b Gidley T R Ward c Nison b Persons

Extres (b 6, lb 5, w 5, nb 3) Total (3 wide) ______ 414
Score after 100 overs: 353-2.
G R Covidiny, 1S A Marsh, M J McCague,
R M Ettaon, A P Igglesden and R P Davis FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-293, 3-355.

LEICESTERSHERE: T J Boon, "N E Briess, J J Whiteler, P Robinson, L Potter, M I Gotley, 19 A Noon, W K M Benjamin, R P Gofton, G J Persons and A D Multely. Bonus ponte: Laicestershire O, Kent 4. Umpine: R Palmer and G I Burgees. Hants v Middlesex

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T C Médieton e Brown b Williams
D I Gower e Getting b Emburey
M C J Nicholas b Emburey
R M F Cox tow b France
M D Marshall tow b Taylor
J R Ayling c Weekes b Emburey
TA N Aymes e Carr b Emburey
S D Udal not out

Extras (b 5, w 2, nb 15) ... Total (8 wkts) Score after 100 overs: \$15-6. C A Connor and K J Shine to bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-40, 3-110, 4 158, 5-218, 6-228, 7-338, 8-341. Emburey, ARC France, CW Taylor and P CR Turnell. Bonus points: Hampabire 4, Middle Warwicks v Lancs

MAY be to PASmith absent ill Beines (b.5, fb.6) Total (78.1 overs) 203
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-111, 2-111, 3-111, 4-133, 5-189, 6-170, 7-186, 6-199, 9-203, BOWLING: Martin 13-2-51-0; Chepple 14-7-28-2; Austin 10.1-4-33-2; Walkinson 18-6-41-4; Fibon 23-9-41-1.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings G D Mendis not out M A Atherton not out Extras (fb 2, nb 4) Total (no wid, 27 overs)

Bonus points: Warwickshins 2. Lancoshins Umpires: J H Hampshire and B J Mayer. Somerset v Words

WESTON-SUPER-MARE (But day of three; Somerset won loss): Somerset have scored 293 for rithe wickets against ite VERSET: Flori lavings SOMERSET: First in A N Hayhurd low b Sharp -

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19,2-41,3-63,4-63, 5-81, 6-127, 7-183; 8-202, 9-248. WORCESTERNSHIPME "T S Curtin, D B D'Obeira, W P C Weston, D A Leafferdale, G R Heynes, M J Weston, C M Tolley, T S J Rhodes, P J Newport, N V Radiord and R D Starp, Bonus points: Somerset 3, Worcestershire Umphes: 8 Leadbeater and G.A. Stickley. Test match

Total (9 wids) ...

Sri Lanka v

COLOMBO (second day of five): Sri Larke, with seven first-innings wickese in hand, are nine nine shead of Australia AUSTRALIA: First innings 256 (J. A. Healy 99 not out; U.C. Hathurushingha 4 for 66) SRI LANGK. First Innings. R. S. Mahamama c. Healy b Waugh 178 U.C. Hathurushingha of Taylor b Waugh 18 A. P. Gusninha not out 377 P. A. de Silva Tow b Matthews 377 P. A. de Silva Tow b Matthews 377 P. A. Ranshange not out 388 Extras (b 2 nb 6) Total (3 wids) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-128, 3-137.

DOWLING TO DATE: McDecmott 21-5-61-0; Whitney 19-5-44-0; Moody 12-3-27-0; Weugh 11-3-31-2; Warne 10-2-55-0; Meg-thaws 21-5-55-1. Umpires: K T Francis and T M

Coker injured in comfortable tour win

Australia encounter stern resistance in the Friendly City

Eastern Province.....

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN PORT ELIZABETH

FAR from being a free-flowing celebration of rugby in what the locals call the "Friendly City", the Austra-lians found themselves conducting an exercise in damage limitation at Boet Erasmus stadium yesterday - both to their lineout and their back-

The third success of their South African tour was comfortable enough, by one goal, three tries and four penalty goals to a try and a penalty. The manner of its achievement, however, left much to be desired. Their lineout was held, a rare occurrence, their midfield lacked bite and they lost Coker at a time when the No. 8 was playing like a man

badly lacerated ear after being accidentally kicked by Scott-Young his colleague, but his availability for the game against South Africa on Satur-day is not in doubt. Morgan moved into the back row and contributed effectively, both in the loose and at restarts against the team which trailed in at the bottom of the Currie

Eastern Province had hoped to have Neil Jenkins, of Pontypridd and Wales, playing for them this season until the stand-off half's dismissal, and subsequent suspension, in a Welsh Cup semi-final in April. As it is, they have worked their way through five stand-offs but the fifth, Miller — a schoolboy last year — scored their try and his penalty gave Eastern Province an 8-6 lead a

He was unfortunate that his little chip led to Junee's try which began the second half and prompted an Australian recovery. In the process, Junee will play no further part in the tour but this led to the intro-Campese, to applause even greater than that which heraided the appearance of the entire Australian team at the

start of the match.
But not even Campese could bring greater inspiration to his colleagues. They could never free the loose ball quickly enough and lost possession in the tackle too often for comfort. Though they worked Kahl over after a series of profited from Ofahengaue's drive into untenanted areas,

cally and mentally, "on the outer edge" against South Africa, Kirton said. He com-



Late entry: Campese, who came on as a replacement at Port Elizabeth yesterday, could not spark Australia

Fitzpatrick leads the way forward for New Zealand

ment of the 1993 British Isles party to New Zealand expects from the All Blacks, they can be certain that Sean Fitzpatrick will remain at the helm

Fitzpatrick, whose team returned home from South Africa earlier this week after completing nine internationals during the New Zealand union's centenary season, was hailed by his management as being on the verge of joining the elite All Blacks captains.

"If he is not quite there yet, he is a grand example of the best we have to offer in New Zealand," Earl Kirton, the All Blacks' assistant coach, said after last Saturday's breathless 27-24 win over the Springboks in Johannesburg.

Kirton part of a new selectorial team himself this year, will have greeted with enthusiasm the appointment on the weekend of Dick Best. the England coach, to the British Isles management. Best, who will join Geoff Cooke (England) and Ian McGeechan (Scotland) with the Lions, has always admitted the tremendous influence Kirton has had on him. Kirton played with and later coached Harlequins when Best was a player at the club, and Best

has remained in close contact with the Wellington dentist. Next year, the two will meet as adversaries: Best as assistant to McGeechan and Kirton as assistant to Laurie Mains, assuming that the All

David Hands sees

end a long season

with victory and

further achievement

Blacks' international record of won six, lost three keeps the New Zealand triumvirate of Mains, Kirton and Peter Thorburn in place.

The political aspect was seldom far from mind when the three set out their stall early this year with the intention of laying down a team and a pattern of play which would take New Zealand through to the 1995 World Cup, even if they themselves

fell out of favour.

The team has developed dramatically," Kirton said.
"We have eight or nine players getting into world class. We have picked on form, as we said we would, and although they are still finding it hard to put the game we want them to play together; they are getting

"When you have a centre like Frank Bunce, you know you are in business. Zinzan Brooke has improved and Grant Fox has got on to our game — as well as being an important influence on the younger players."
The All Blacks were, physi-

the All Blacks

pared the fatigue the party was suffering to that of the New Zealand team which toured Britain in 1967, of which he was a key element at stand-off the platform for half. "All three Tests in Australia (where New Zealand lost the Bledisioe Cup] went to the

wire and to come to South Africa and win at the end of a long season was tremendous, particularly when you remem-ber the hang-up New Zealand has about playing there." Kirton said.

People have been telling us South Africa were two or three years off the pace, which we never believed - I'd be surprised if they were two or three days behind the rest."

Kirton regrets that, next season, which will be spent at home entertaining not only the Lions but Western Samoa, he and his colleagues will have only 21 players together, rather than the touring party of 30, which offers the opportunity to get the coaches' playing methods across to a greater

number of players.
For that they must wait until the autumn tour of England and Scotland. "Next year it will be development again, assuming we get the nod,"
Kirton said. "The moment you lose in New Zealand people will say you're in trou-ble, but in terms of re-election I hope that beating the Springboks will have tipped the balance."

Ireland end McKenna's run

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

SHOCK does furny things to people, so it is not possible to predict how Mary McKenna will perform in the British women's strokeplay champ-ionship, which starts at Frilford Heath, in Oxfordshire, today.

McKenna, a veteran at 43 but scarcely past it, won the title in 1979 and has the incentive to win it again. For the Bank of Ireland official from Donabate, who even harboured hopes of making this year's Curus Cup team. has been dropped by Ireland.

On the shock-horror scale, it is like Gary Lineker being hauled off by Graham Taylor. but at least Lineker had

ENGLAND will not have the services of Nick Faldo, the

Open champion, in either the Alfred Dunhill Cup or the World Cup later this year (Mitchell Plans writes).

Faldo, joint runner-up in

the US PGA championship.

has now settled his pro-

gramme for the rest of 1992

and is taking three weeks off

before playing in the GA

European Open, Lancôme

Trophy, Piaget Open and

"I've only once been No. 1

German Masters.

announced his retirement. McKenna, who won fourand-a-half points out of five in interprovincial matches last weekend, is not retiring.

The selectors, however, decided that they did not need her for what would have been her 25th consecutive appearance in the home internationale at Hamilton, next month. As is the wont of selectors, they did not think to inform Mc-Kenna of the hurtful decision before the public announcement was made, but then courtesy and logic have never been seen as an integral part of the selectorial trade. They

should be. It could be, of course, that has been chosen as captain.

Faldo aiming to top money list

said yesterday.

"It is disappointing not to be able to play in the two cup matches but I need some

breaks between now and the

Faldo leads the order of

merit with £465,319. His

nearest rivals are Anders Forsbrand (£302,271) and

José-Maria Olazábal (£297,126). Severiano

Ballesteros carned £744,236

as No. 1 last year and Faldo is

end of the year."

the Irish selectors are more far-sighted than the rest of us. Certainly, if there are eight better players than McKenna in Ireland the home internationals are a foregone conclusion. England, Scotland and Wales need not turn up.

There will be more selectorial action at Frilford Heath when the three players to represent Britain and Ireland in the world amateur team championship, in Vancouver at the end of September, are picked. Joanne Morley, the defending champion this week, must surely go, but one thing is certain: Mc-Kenna will be in Canada. She

receives for playing in the end-of-season Volvo Masters counts as official money.

Faldo has decided to com-

pete in the Toyota World Match Play Championship at

Wentworth from October 8 to

11. His other commitments

include the Bridgestone Open in Japan, the Million Dollar Challenge in Sun City, the PGA Grand Slam in Hawaii

and the Johnnie Walker world

championship in Jamaica.

in the Volvo order of merit and I would like to do it again," he as the £110,000 the leader

record £1 m prize

IN BRIEF

Snooker's

The 1993 Embassy world snooker championship, the final stages of which take place at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, from April 17 to May 3. will be the first ranking tournament to carry a total prize-fund of £1 million. The first prize of £175,000, an increase of £25,000 on this year's, will also be a record.

In the seventh qualifying round of the championship at Blackpool yesterday, Ronnie O'Sullivan, 16, beat Chris Small, who reached the last 16 this year, 5-1. It was O'Sullivan's 52nd win in 53 professional matches.

Hanley fit

Rngby league: Ellery Hanley, the Leeds captain, has been declared fit for the season, in spite of a strained foot ligament. He will start Leeds's opening game at home to St Helens on Sunday week.

Nordic medals

Shooting: The Nordic championships began at Bisley yes-terday with British competitors winning a silver and a bronze medal. Craig Miles, 17, was second in the junior men's air rifle and Margaret Thomas third in the women's standard pistol.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

Dismal season lit up by Gross

By ROBERT KIRLEY

THE Los Angeles Dodgers have had a miserable season. Favoured to win the National League West, they languish in last place. Darryl Strawberry, their leading outfielder, has played only 38 games because of a bad back and the team is

setting records for errors.

Kevin Gross provided rare relief on Monday by pitching the first no-hitter of the seasor in a 2-0 win over the San Francisco Giants. The right-hander, 31, needed only 99 pitches, striking out six batters, walking two and retiring Mark Leonard, a pinch hitter, leading off the ninth inning.

in an era of 90mph-plus fastballs. Tim Wakefield, of the Pittsburgh Pirates, thrives with his knuckleball, which has the velocity — and the unpredictable trajectory — of a falling leaf. On Sunday the converted outfielder halted the red-hot Atlanta Braves 4-2 to improve his record to three wins and no defeats.

The Misuresota Twins, win-ners of the World Series last year, have lost 13 of their last 20 games and trail the Oak hand A's by five games in the American League West Mark McGwire, of Oakland, leads the big leagues with 38 home runs, eight more than his nearest pursuer.

In the American League East, the Toronto Blue Jays split a four-game home series with the Baltimore Orioles, but the Kansas City Royals scored eight runs in the fourth inning in a 17-hit attack that beat Baltimore 15-2

Cecil Fielder, of the Detroit Tigers, leads the major leagues with 100 runs batted in (RBI). If he wins the American League RBI title, he will be the first player to do so for three successive seasons since Babe Ruth (1919-21).

FOOTBALL

Leading clubs allay fears

THE so called "Platinum" group of seven Premier League clubs, who had reportedly negotiated their own £3-million advertising deal. yesterday attempted to allay fears that they were about to divide football's top division into the haves and the havenots (Louise Taylor writes).

The seven - Arsenal, Aston Villa, Everton, Leeds United, Liverpool, Manchester United and Nottingham Forest negotiated the contract for revolving pitch perimeter advertising hoardings with Dorna, a Spanish company. The seven clubs are expect-

ed to agree to use the revolving boards only in matches screened live by ter-

SWIMMING

Van Almsick fulfils her destiny

FRANZISKA van Almsick, state talent acout as the girl hope of better times to come, the 14-year-old German who would replace Kristin after what was arguably the won four medals at the Olymthe 14-year-old German who won four medals at the Olympic Games, crowned a glorious summer by taking to six her number of European junior titles at Leeds last weekend (Craig Lord writes).

There have been few more poignant moments in swimming this year than on Sunday, when van Almsick, of Berlin, broke the 16-year-old 100 metres butterfly record set by Andrea Pollack, to win in I min 00.62sec. Pollack was one of the first

prodigies of the East German system, van Almsick the last. the Olympic Games, so too titles last year and ex At seven, she was chosen by a did Britain's juniors provide the Olympic Games. system, van Almsick the last.

CRICKET

CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshira v Glam-

COLCHESTER: Essex v Surrey

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v North-

LEICESTER: Leicestershire y Karit

WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerest

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire V

SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Notting-

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Her selection on grounds of physique (she has grown to be just under 5ft 10m and 9st 2lb) was vindicated in four days during which she collected junior titles at 100 and 200 metres freestyle, the 100 in a record time, 100 metres butterfly, 200 metres medley and m two relays.

Much as van Almsick's success stood out among the poor results of Germany's seniors at

FOOTBALL

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OPR v Southempton (7.45)
Sheffield Wed v Notim Forest (7.45)
Tottenham v Coventry (7.45)

FA Premier League

Barciays League First division

Bristol Rovers v Swindon. (ell ticket, 8.0)

Coca-Cola Cup First round, first leg

Skol Cup Third round

Aberdeen v Dunfermane

worst Olympic showing by British seniors since the war.

freestyle, four silver and five bronze medals, the British juniors finished fourth in the medals table, behind Germany, the Unified Team and It is hoped that swimmers

such as Carl, Lyndsey Rogers and Alex Bennett can follow in the footsteps of Paul Palmer, who won three junior freestyle titles last year and excelled at

Motherwell'v Falkrik (8.30) St Johnstone v Partick

PONTRIS CENTRAL LEAGUR: First di-vision: Botton v Blackburn (7.0): Manchester Clay v Stoke (8.45), Second division: Hull v Hucklensfeld (7.0); Wigen v Desby (7.0)

EUROPEAN CUP: Prefinitery round, first leg: Shelbourne v Tavna.

LEAGUE OF IPPLAND: League Cup: First Herps v Fened Utd (6.30); Galway Utd v Castlebar Catic (6.30).

Casteria Caste (p.20).

NEVILLE OVENDEN- COMBINATION:
First division: Bristol City v Fulhern;
Charlton v Tottenhem (7.0); Ipswich v
Norwich; Oxford Utd v Pentamouth;
Southempton v DPR; Swindon v Brighton
(2.0). Second division: Challenhem v
Exeter; Phymouth v Swerese.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: World chempionships: Singles and tours (Worthing).

CYCLING: National track championships GOLF: British women's ameteor strokepley champlecento (Filliand Heath).

SNOCKER: British Open qualitying rounds

Strangaer v Rangers ..

With one gold, won by Martin Carl, 17, from Red-bridge, in the 100 metres

FOOTBALL Lake results on Monday FA PREMIER LEAGUE: Mench Queen's Park Rangers 1. NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Chelses 2, Cystel Palace 2; Luton Town 1, Millurell 2, Second division: Bristol Rovers 3, Caroliff City 1; Yeovil 2, Torquey United 1.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First dis-sion: Aston Vite 3, Wolverhampton Wen-derers 0; Barraley 2, Leeppool 0; Lieset, Menchester United 7: Second division: kisnasiad 2, Middlesbrough 1; Preston 1, Coventra 3.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta Braves 5, Plasburgh Plastes 4 (10 Irms): San Francis-co Glants 0, Los Angeles Dodgem 2. Postponed: Cincinnal Rada y Plasdolphia Postponed: Chokmail Heats v Pressure para Phelies. AMERICAN LEAGUE: Chicago White Sax A, New York Yarrives 3; Kansas City Royels 46, Depoil Tigers 5.

BOWLS

WURTH-WIS: Wool-Mich world champlon-shipe: Singles: Fourth round: Section A.: England b: Jessey (D.L.e Marquand), 25-12. Norholk Island: to Guernesy (J. Smith), 25-22. New Zeeland b: Weise, 25-19; Cook: Inland b: Swedfard 25-19; Zemba b: Jepen 25-12; Zimbabwa b: US, 25-19. Section B: Namible b: Appentine, 25-14; Australe b: Betweens, 25-20; Hong Kong b: Thelland, 25-18; South: Africa b: Instand, 25-18; Singapore b: Papua New Guinea, 25-18; Souther Africa b: Instand, 25-18; Souther Africa b: Instand, 25-18; Souther b: Singapore, 25-15; Canada b: Japan, 44-19; England b: Jessey, 20-14; Fill bi Cook: Islands, 18-15; South Africa b: Australia, 24-11; Zimbelme b: Guerney, 22-18. Section B: Hong Kong b: India, 23-14; Israel f: Norfolk: Island, 24-10; Swedžiand b: Southerst, 25-22; Weise b: US, 32-14; Paretties I. Tembels, 24-10; Swedžiand b: Southerst, 25-22; Weise b: US, 32-14;

Discourses, 24-25, Walles Of US, 22-14; Zambia Iti Theliand, 24-16, Pilth mund: Singles: Section A: Caracta br Norlold Island, 25-21; England (If Alcock) bit Kanje, 25-17; Wales (W Thomas) bt Guerney (M Smith), 25-21; New Zeeland bt United States, 25-18; Zambia bt Cook Islands, 25-18; Zambia bt Lensey (D LeMerquend), 25-12; Section B: Argentina Iti Singenos, 25-12; Australia Iti J., 25-18; South Arice bt Hong Kong, 25-22; Ireland (S Ademono) it Rotherman, 25-22; Ireland (S Ademono) it Rotherman, 25-22; Ireland (S Ademono) it Rotherman, 25-22; Ireland Iti India, 25-7; Fourier Saction A: Australia bt Belgauena, 19-15; Guarney (A Weich, K Mellor, Physicalis, M Nicola) bt Caracta, 24-18; Fill bt Singenos, 25-12; Kanya ot Ireland (V Delice, J McClouchilla, S Allen, E Parkinson), 24-17; South Africa bt Jersey (A Syent, A Ouemard, F Hembly, M Coutoul), 30-16; Zimbarue bt Cook, Islands, 23-11; Section B: Hong Kong bt Seepard, 28-12; Lessel bt India, 28-14; New Zeeland bt Argentine, 37-14; Paput New Geines bt Theliaghd, 24-12; Soction (G Robarson, A Biet, W Wood, A Misselskip ti United States, 31-11; Narrichis bt Zemble, 23-16.

CRICKET HOTHMANS VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP. Semi-limits: Frauchia 96-9, Methley 98-3, Hursley Park 185-6, St Fagains 172-8.

CYCLING WOMEN'S TOUR DE FRANCE: Fourth stage (65km): Salma-Martie de-Compan;

1, A Sydor (Carl), 1br 42min 54sec; 2, A l'olasses (Fusial), at 1sec; 3, L Difestra (Notfu), 1; 4, C Legal (Ft); 5, T Phano (50), Overalt 1, L Longo (Ft); 5, T Phano (50), Ser, 4, A Sydor (Carl), 1:15; 0; 2, L van Moorsel (Notfu), at 1sec; 3, H ven de Vijeer (98), 59; 4, A Sydor (Carl), 1:15; 5, K Lynch (NZ), 123.

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LBCESTER: BCF mellonel track championships: Profipational aprint, semi-finals: PAC-high (PCA) bt S Wingswe (PCA), 2-0, G Cotman (Raisejh) bt R Williams (Buter-Wolber), 2-1, Juvenil 15km points race: 1, N Jones (Abergavenny RC), 37pts, 2, J Taylor (Heron RC), 37pts (at 1 lap); 3, J Nobley (C Pierre), 25pts (at 1 lap); 3, J Nobley (C Pierre), 25pts (at 1 lap); Time: 21min 28,07sec. Protessional 1,000m sprint final: P Michaph (PCA) bt G Coltmen (Raisejh), 2-0. Brosse mediti: R Williams (Buter-Wober) bt S Wingswe (PCA), 2-0. TOUR OF HOULAND: 5.8km individual time triat: 1, J Nijders (Holl), 6min 24sec; 2, T Marie (Fi), live seconds behind, 3, F Massec (Holl), 9, P Peless (Holl), 11; 5, J Shibby (Dan), 12, 6, H Frison (Bel), 15. British: 10, S Yates, 18.

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1-161), 78, 71; I Young (Breid Hills), 74, 73,
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Brecon to Rhondid, 335-115; First to
Portyprodu, 4-1; Holyfread bt Byn Meadous, 4-1; Lunglead Bey to West Monmouthships, 3-2; Wennor Castle bt Padesmood
and Buckley, 3-2; Wendrum bt Vale of
Lungolen, 4-1; Modd bt Corney, 3-2;
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Kanfig, 3-156.

PATSHULL PAPK, Shropshire: Goll Foundation Weenable age group stamption-ships: Grand finals: Boys under-18: 150: C Leach (Gängham) 154: R Duck (Rominals: County): A Cooper (Taymouth Castle) Under-19: 150: 3 Well-or (Walmay), 157: D Grandale (Hallan), D Aershaw (Silistone), Gitte under-16: 184: H Stirting (Bridge of Afan), 157: L Wauter (Prestwich), 168: E Wilcock (Sherwood)

BISLEY: Nordic charaspionathips: Blandard pistol (women): 1, R Frees (See), 569; 2 K Riva (Fen), 559; 3 M Thomas (GB), 548 Other British: B Young, 528, J Ward, 500, Standard pistol (jumor women): 1, S Mayerhoff (Den), 554, 2, C Classon (Swa), 535; 3 M Ultmark (Swo), 530, British: 4, L Elsworth, 521, Air rifle (jumor men): 1, S Remes (Fin), 587, 2, C Males (GB), 581 ton count-back); 3, C Likeing (Nor), 581 ton Running, larget (man): 1, R Johansson (Swe), 562, 3, T Helsted (Swe), 560, British: D Chapman, 539, J Maddison, 538 Free pistol: 1, R Stennier (Swe), 551; 2, B Ostund (Swe), 560, 3, T Backland (Swe), 649 British: 4, P Lestherdale, 641; 7, M Gautt, 635, Ar rifle (men) 1, J Pertutten (Fin), 633.7; 2, T Samewata (Fin), 663, 1, 3, L Rotland (Nor), 866, B Ritish: 5, R Law (GB), 683, 4

BUSSUM, Holland: European women's championships: 6th/8th place play-off: Belgium 9, Sweden 5, 3rd/4th: Czechoslovalus 9, Denmark 3, Grand finel: Gerne 2, Netherlands 0, taly 1 (hely win best of three senes 2-0). Finel standings: 1, hasty 2. Netherlands, 3, Czechoslovalas; 4, Denmark 5, Belgium; 6, Sweden, 7, Frence; 8, Germany; 9, Greet Britan; 10, Spain; 11, Nussel.

SOFTBALL

Wood: first-round tennis victory

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Behop (Eng), 5-2.

Bulbassy World Championship.

Seventh qualifying round: J Wingh (Eng) to B Cassoly (Eng), 5-1; K Broughton (Eng) welked over G Natale (Can), P McPhilips (Soot) bit P Home (Bel), 5-2; B L Orlange (Nort) to S Campbel (Eng), 5-2; D Heroid (Eng) bit P Seager (Eng), 5-1; S Dunn (Eng) bit M Husmu (Eng), 5-2; R Femali (Eng) bit A Deves (Eng), 5-1; A Botsover (Eng) bit A Deves (Eng), 5-1; A Botsover (Eng) bit J Chembers (Eng), 5-2; A Higgins (N Ire) bit S Judd (Eng), 5-1; M MacLend (Soot) bit J Walface (Eng), 5-1; M Provendew (Eng) bit S Judd (Eng), 5-1; M Provendew (Eng) bit R Edmonds (Eng), 5-5; D Guest (Eng) bit M Smith (Eng), 5-5; M King (Eng) bit G Cripsey (Eng), 5-0.

SQUASH RACKETS HONG KONG: World Junior men's champ HONG KONG: Wedd Junior men's champ-lonship: Fourth round (selected results): Cotare (English G Riding (Can), 9-2, 9-6, 9-2: N Cass (English Z Khan (Pak), 9-3, 9-5, 9-3-1: P Happane (English M Soule (SA), 9-4, 9-6, 9-6, 2-9, 9-5, 9-6; E Schneder (Gen) b P Genever (English S-9-6), 9-6 3-0 PAULO OPEN: Final: D Webb (English P Johnson (Eng), 15-10, 15-2.

TENNIS

NOTTINGHAM: Midland Bank British Junior championships: Boys singles: Second round: M Inghem (Larnes) of B Webber (Cartiss), 6-2, 6-2; P Fowler (Durham and Cleveland) bit C McKnept (W Scot), 6-4, 6-3, T Herman (Oscor) bit P River (Reni), 6-1, 6-4, L Sebin (Dossel) bit M Rowe (Bucks), 6-3, 6-3; M Jones (Hermi), 6-1, 6-4, L Sebin (Dossel) bit M Rowe (Bucks), 6-3, 6-3; M Jones (Kent), 7-5, 6-2; A Burgoyne (Kent) bit G-Jones (Kent), 6-1, 7-5; M Countis (Esser) bit V Sundiserm (Larnes), 6-2, 6-1; M Schoßeld (Larnes) bit M Lee (Sussed, 6-3, 6-1; J Baily (Hernes) bit J Fallis (Esser), 6-3, 6-1; M Sephin (Cheshiro) bit J Williams (Middlesed), 6-3, 6-4; D Breeg (Kent) bit P Jessop (Staths), 6-7, 7-5, 6-4; D Delgado (Marwocke) bit 8 Heram (Harnes), 6-4, 6-0; D Sandom (Somerser) bit S Brattmer (Hernes), 6-4, 6-0; P Martin (Auron) bit M George (Hernis), 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; B Cowen (Larnes) bit M Martin (Middleserd, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3) NOTTINGHAM: Midland Bank British

Girle' singles: Second round: C Teylor (Doon) bit Brant (Surrey), 6-3, 6-0; K Crose (Devon) bit L Ogan (Warworks), 6-1, 6-2; V Irvine (Essay) bit H Frankland (Derbyshire), 6-2, 6-4; K Martin (Suffolk) bit A Green (Suffolk), 7-5, 8-3, L Woodorfile (Surrey) bit J Webster (Derbyshire), 6-4, 6-4; J Taylor (Cheshire) bit Woodorfile (Susser), 6-4, 6-2, Z Mellis (Essay) bit J Bhaguendae (Middlesen), 6-4, 5-7, 6-1; K Llewellyn (Yorkshire) bit Sulacison (Chesham), 6-3, 6-3, L Jetts (Oxon) bit A Buggins (Watshire), 6-0, 6-0; L Ahi (Devon) bit C Benneti (N Wales), 6-0, 7-6; M Welnerdom (Essex) bit J Duncan (N Scot), 6-2, 6-1.

NDIANAPOUS: US herdicount tourna-ment: Singles: Flagt round: M Pernicos Swej at R Reneberg (US), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, T Heartin (US) at C Bergstom (Swe), 8-0, 6-3; M Zoecke (Ger) at N Kubi (Swe), 6-3, 7-6, T Ho (US) at J Grabb (US), 6-3, 6-3, D Engel (Swe) at C Pricham (Cari), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; K Currian (US) at P Arraya (Peru), 7-5, 1-6, 6-3, O Delazme (Fr) br A. Larrya (Swe), 4-8, 6-4, 6-2; C Ploline (Fr) br A. Sarrya (Swe), 4-8, 6-4, 6-2; S Stolie (Aus) for Guopez (Sp.), 6-4, 6-2 M Gustaleson (Swe) bit K (kroner (US), 6-4, 6-2

MONTREAL: Carradian Open women's tournament: First round: C Wood (GB) bt T Wintington (US), 7-5, 5-4, J Wiczner (Austra) to P Fendick (US), 2-6, 5-2, 6-2, B Schultz (Hol) bt H Coff (US), 6-2, 1-8, 7-6; N Sawematsu (Japen) bt M Drake (Carl), 6-4, 6-3; N Provis (Jus) bt S Rottier (Hol), 6-4, 7-6; N ven Lottum (Fr) bt V Webb (Carl, 6-2, 6-2; E Remech (SA) bt S Jeysseelen (Carl, 6-2, 6-3; J Santrock (US) bt J Byrme (Aus), 6-1, 6-1, P Paradis-Niengon (Fr) bt L Smylie (Aus), 6-6, 6-5; D Faber (US) bt D Monami (Bel), 6-0, 6-4; C Kuhimen (US) bt S Testud (Fr), 6-4, 7-5; C Cummrighem (US) bt L Harvey-Wed (US), 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; P Hy (Can) bt R Finaldi (US), 2-2, 3-6, 6-2; P Hy (Can) bt R Finaldi (US), 2-5, 3-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3

YACHTING

FILEY SC: Topper national champion-ships: Race 2: 1, S Cleland (Nelson Centre), 2, P Beate (Sution SC), 3, G Miller (Graftnam Water SC); 4, T Heal (Llyn Alec); 5, Cleig (Wation-on-Tremes SC), 6, G Wright (Ferland SC), Race 3: 1, G Pricestey (Ulswater VC); 2, D Dooge (Rediffich SC), 3, Cletand; 4, Wright, 5, M Silies (Downs SC); 6, A Batley (Bessenthwater SC). SC): 5, A Balley (Bessaratwalte SC).

ROYAL CORK SC: Coca-Cala Mirror European charmptonships: Race 2: 1, R Eason and S Burrows (Malahade SC); 2, C Lyntham and A Namno (Richmanshaw SC); 3, D and J Gebrard (Derwont Reservoir SC); 4, C Casey and Y Concannon (Sutton DC); 5, D and C Warten (Button SC); 6, L Turnoul and G Toman (Migar SC); 7, S McHabl and P Tsylor (Delgetty Bay SC); 8, C McChabl and P Tsylor (Delgetty Bay SC); 8, C McChabl and P L Eadle (Royal North of Ireland YC, 9, J Gorman and D Boylan (National YC Dun Laoghaire; 10, S Greaves and E Bratten (Richmansworth SC). ROUND BRITAIN RACE: Second leg (Cark to Lendick): Provisional; Class 1: 1, Youth Challenge; 2, Bounder; 3, Bon Votor III; 4, Noonmark V; 5, Quello of Wight, 8, Sea Biscut II Class 2: 1, Comix II; 2, Sunstone; 3, Semantha.

RAPID CRICKETLINE CHAMPIONSHIPNorthamptonshire v
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Essex. Boldon: Durham v Vorkshire.
Southampton: Hampshire v Middlessex.
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Short is latest target for Dalglish

Blackburn end interest in buying Thomas

GEOFF Thomas expected to be in Lancashire this week, but not with Crystal Palace. In-stead of signing for Blackburn Rovers, as he had hoped, the midfield player will pull on his boots for Palace in a Premier League football fixture at Oldham Athletic tonight.

Blackburn yesterday told Palace that they were no longer interested in the Manchester-born England player. Kenny Dalglish, the Rovers manager, is now be-lieved to be about to offer £3 million for Craig Short, the Notts County central

Ron Noades, the Palace chairman, said: "Blackburn phoned me to withdraw their offer. Perhaps they are considering moves in other directions. All the speculation has unsettled Thomas and it is important that it ceases so he can concentrate on Palace again." Arsenal could renew their interest.

Noades added that his club is interested in acquiring Terry Phelan, the Wimbledon full back. "We have spoken to Wimbidon about Phelan, who is a very talented defender," he said. Wimbledon are understood to want £2 million.

For a team just recovering from their Christmas party. Sheffield United seemed surprisingly fresh when they deeated Manchester United last Saturday. Tonight they travel to Liverpool with Dave Bassett hoping that his squad's pre-

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mature celebrations with Santa Claus will continue to con them into thinking that it really is the new year.

That is because United do not usually start winning matches until January - a habit which prompted Bassert's latest psychological stunt. One man who hopes to be still at Bramail Lane come Christmas is Alan McLeary, the central defender on loan from Millwall, who will be relieved not to be marking Ian Rush tonight. Rush is out for ten days with a groin injury and will almost certainly be

replaced by McManaman. Bruce Grobbelaar's decision to travel to Harare to play for Zimbabwe last weekend has cost him his place in goal for Liverpool, who persist with James. Jones, the England right back, returns in place of

While Everton prepared for tonight's visit to Manchester United. Pat Nevin. the Everton winger, was talking over a £400,000 transfer to Tranmere Rovers.

Manchester City will seek revenge for FA and League Cup defeats last season when they travel to newly promoted Middlesbrough, and Robert Fleck is aiming for a goal on his return to Norwich City with the Chelsea team he joined for £2.1 million last week. At Hillsborough, Nottingham Forest want to build on Sunday's defeat of Liver-pool against Sheffield Wednesday, who beat them twice last season. Brian Clough, the Forest manager, who is with-out the injured Crosby, said: "It is a match we want to win if we are to challenge for the

Queen's Park Rangers play their second fixture in three days at Southampton and Ron Atkinson has a chance to assess how good his expensively assembled Aston Villa side might be when Leeds United, the League champions, visit

Villa are at full strength but Atkinson said: "I am not expecting a harder contest this season than we'll get from Leeds. They are very strong in midfield with a lot of depth all over, and are probably a better side now because they know that they can win the title." Atkinson is to give Hans Gilhaus, the Aberdeen for-ward, an extended trial with a view to a £500,000 transfer.

A tribunal yesterday ordered Luton Town to pay Cambridge United £160,000 for Steve Claridge with a further £50,000 payable after the forward has completed 50 appearances. Cambridge. had wanted £750,000.

Mark Loram, the forward dismissed by Torquay United after convictions for joyriding and indecent exposure, has been offered a one-month trial by West Ham United, who yesterday signed Matthew Holmes, a midfield player, for £100,000 from Bournemouth.

Stranraer aim to upset Rangers

THE first capacity crowd of OLDHAM Athletic have lost the Skol Cup this season will an £825,000 sponsorship after be present at Stair Park to-Swissair pulled out of a threenight for the third-round meeting of Strangaer and year contract with the Premier League club. The airline Rangers. It is a tie weighted overwhelmingly in Rangers' blamed disturbances involving England supporters durfavour but Stransaer have plausible reasons for believing ing the European championship finals in Sweden for its they can cause an upset.

Last Thursday, when the The deal was set up by teams came out of the draw David Worsley, 45, the station manager for Swissair at together, the Strangaer directors decided against switching Manchester airport. Worsley, the tie to Hampden Park, as a lifelong Oldham supporter, Dumbarton had done against put the idea to his superiors Rangers in the previous round. That game attracted 11,000 spectators, a meagre after Oldham's contract with their former sponsor. Bovis, audience by Rangers' stan-"I thought it would work for everyone." Worsley said yesdards, but more than double the capacity of Stair Park, which will accommodate terday. "The company agreed and talks were set up. But after something like 5,000 this

the hooligans rioted in Sweden, Swissair decided they The board felt that since, in didn't want to have anything recent years, the team has been drawn in cup competi-tions twice against Rangers The Swiss are a very civilised bunch and brawling and Airdrie, and once against thugs are not the sort of Aberdeen and Celtic, all away publicity they need. It is very from home, it was only fair to sad because Oldham is well the small band of Stranraer known for being a family club supporters to save it another

without a violent hooligan expensive round trip.
"I must admit I have mixed Alan Hardy, commercial manager of Oldham, said: feelings about the decision," the Stranraer manager, Alex McAnespie, said yesterday. "On the one hand, I think we Everything seemed set up but, after Sweden, Swissair decided they didn't want to go have done the decent thing by ahead with the deal. It is very sad that the stupid antics of our supporters. However, like any manager, I would have been glad of the financial gain if we had played at Hampden. hooligans in the European championship has reflected on My feeling is that we would the domestic game, especially have got something close to 20,000, and the kind of as our own fans are so well

money we would have earned would have let me buy

players." Nevertheless, McAnespie relishes the possibilities offered by tonight's contest, es-pecially in the light of Rangers' 4-3 defeat at Dens Park on Saturday. "Everybody ularly dangerous after a defeat but our players have had it Dundee earned their reward by carrying the game to Rang-ers. If it is at all possible, we will go at their defence as Dundee did and we will be positive. We will stretch them

champions, McAnespie points disposing of the Scottish Cup finalists. Airdrieonians, at twice falling a goal behind.

Spackman and McCall, both of whom missed Saturday's defeat because of injury. are likely to return for Rangers and Steven may come on as substitute if the match is under

Stranraer will be at full strength, except for their winger, the aptly named Love, who is on honeymoon. "Well, he'll miss an exciting week," McAnespie said laconically. Stuart Slater, newly signed from West Ham for a club record fee of £1.5 million, will make his debut for Celtic in

knows that Rangers are particat every chance."

To those who believe that Stranger can offer no more than flimsy opposition for the out that they earned their place in the third round by Broomfield last week after

the three-day meeting. "Lester said he was worried

by the draw on the wide outside and asked: 'How do you want me to ride him?" It is the first time he has ever done that in 25 years of riding for "He pointed out that in the Derby we were drawn on the

ster on how to ride Rodrigo De Triano in the Juddmonte International Stakes at York. 'Let's drop him in behind the other runners.' It is so easy to The outcome was the smoothest of victories as the get hunted out five wide on the partnership came from last to first in one of the most is not what I wanted." competitive runnings of the group one race in its 20-year

By RICHARD EVANS

LESTER Piggott, like Frank Sinatra, has always done it his

way. Until yesterday. Forty-

four years to the day after riding his first winner as a 12-

year-old schoolboy, the mae-stro decided he did not

necessarily know best - and

consulted owner Robert Sang-

After according Piggott the top of the turn and can be forced very wide." kind of uproarious reception reserved for highwaymen bound for the gallows on the Knavesmire two centuries ago. Sangster disclosed the unexpected pre-race consultation which underpinned the

2, All At See (Pat Eddery)

outside and got lost in the race. I thought about it and said:

way round otherwise, and that Piggott, who was drawn 12 out of 12 runners, said: "That is the worst place to be for the

As a result, Piggott and Rodrigo De Triano followed the other 11 runners at a respectful distance for the the first half of the race and was still virtually last with half a

take the field for Middlesex

against Hampshire at

Bournemouth yesterday. In-stead he was banished to

Southampton to play for the

second XI, for whom he scored

107 in two hours. It was the

second time this season that

Ramprakash, the England

middle order batsman, has

retary, and Bob Gale, chair-

man of the Middlesex cricket

committee, all depends on his

attitude in the immediate future. Middlesex, officials

and captain alike, remained

tight-lipped yesterday about the reasons for the action

taken, describing the matter as one of internal discipline.

At issue is believed to be Ramprakash's public displea-sure when dismissed in the

Sunday League match against Yorkshire at Uxbridge and a

subsequent altercation with a Middlesex member who had

1, Rodrigo De Triano (L Piggott) 8-1 3, Seattle Rhyme (C Asmus

Perfect timing: Piggott produces Rodrigo De Triano, left, to overhan! All At Sea, right, in the International Stakes at York yesterday

Piggott's change of policy rewarded

mile of the ten-furlong contest

He then moved the dual 2,000 Guineas winner to the outside and picked up the leaders with deceptive ease. "I was surprised when we got into the straight because Kooyonga was finished after a

furlong," Piggott said. "I just cruised up behind the others. I just glided there." momentarily at the two-furlong pole, she was soon swamped by Sanester's home-

bred champion and finished a length behind the winner, an 8-1 chance. "I could not be more thrilled." Sangster said. "I to make him ante-post favour-

have had 105 group one winners and that one has iven me the most satisfaction because he is home-bred."

The victory confirmed Peter Chapple Hyam as the outstanding young trainer in the country. Following the Derby disappointment and below-per performance against Arazi at Royal Ascot, the Manton handler has patiently brought Rodrigo De Triano back to his heet and was quietly confident best and was quietly confident of success beforehand.

"It is the greatest day of my life, apart from when I got married. Unbelievable. This has meant more to me than anything. I think Rodrigo is etting better and is except-

Dr Devious, his Derby winner, ran a fine race to finish fourth, despite not being fully fit, while third-placed Seattle Rhyme, trained by David Elsworth, returned to the form which prompted bookmakers

ite for the Derby throughout

Baght jails

While Sangster can dream of further glory in the Champion Stakes at Newmarket and the Breeders Cup at Gulfstream Park, Michael Kann-tze, trainer of Kooyonga, was left wondering what went

The uneasy favourite drifted to 2-1 and was never travelling Kauntze told the stewards, the explanation for the poor run was that there was no explanation. He could not understand what went wrong, although dark thoughts were not far from his mind.

The possibility that his filly albeit an outside one, which could explain the "very mysterious" performance, he said. People were hanged for lesser crimes on the Knavesmire.

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Mansell Ramprakash dropped again states his case MARK Ramprakash did not

NIGEL Mansell, the newly crowned world motor racing champion, said vesterday that he would rather retire from the sport than leave Williams-Renault and join a rival team. Mansell, 39, who dinched the title when he finished in second place at the Hungarian grand prix last weekend, said: "It is either the Williams

team or retirement. "I feel my heart is in my own country; I know the Williams team and the mechanics. I don't want to leave something I have created in the team and have to do it all over again with another team.

"I want to stay. There are only a few little things to sort out with certain assurances which other people have got to

"I feel within the next 48 to 72 hours things should be finalised in the way I wish them to be," he said. "But if not, then that is no problem. I have at least won the world championship."

. By JACK BAILEY offered his condolences. Ironically, it was his innings of 58 that had been instrumental in

winning the match and the league title. Clearly, Ramprakash's career is in a degree of danger of losing its course. Middlesex's first match of the season at Fenners left him nursing the loss of two weeks' salary and a severe reprimand from the Middlesex committee after



he had verbally abosed Marcus Wight, the Cambridge University batsman, and had shown scant respect for John Emburey, the acting Middle sex captain. Ramprakash was involved in another incident

> weeks ago but Middlesex took no action then because they decided he had been provoked Ramprakash had been mentioned by Ted Dexter, England's chairman of selectors, as one of the players on standby for the Texaco Trophy should England win the series at Trent Bridge tomorrow. These players, as contenders for winter tour places, might be drafted in for the last two

with a spectator at Ilford six

one day internationals of the Ramprakash is unlikely to get that chance, especially if he is again fined by Middlesex. He has had a mixed summer with England, playing in the first Test against Pakistan but dropped for the next two matches before being recalled

The Sports Council may eventually be required to make the peace but by then

the reputation of the game will have suffered at a time

Tour doubt remains unresolved

FROM DAVID HANDS **BUGBY CORRESPONDENT** IN PORT ELIZABETH

AUSTRALIA'S rugby union players deared the third hurdle of their four-match tour of South Africa in Port Elizabeth yesterday but the dispute rumbles on over whether they will complete the tour on Saturday by playing South Africa in Cape Town.

An unattributed source in a Johannesburg newspaper yes terday suggested that Sieve Tshwete, the sports spokes-man for the African National Congress (ANC), had turned against the tour, and there is a meeting today of the National and Olympic Sports Congress (NOSC).

. The catalyst to the contin-uing dissatisfaction, which began in Johannesburg last Saturday with the unauthorised playing of the national anthems before the match between South Africa and New Zealand, is Louis Luyt, president of Transvaal RFU and a member of the South African Rugby Football Union (Sarfu) executive.

Luyt is still breathing defiance. "Just as the ANC are free to play their own anthem, sing their own songs, hoist their own flags, so they should allow others to do the same," he said on television. "I am no longer willing to stand in a corner." There was a prominent hoarding at the Boet Erasmus Stadium before yesterday's match here, which the Australians won 34-8, bearing notice of Sarfu's support for peace

and democracy. Although 1,000 pigeons were released over Port Elizabeth as symbols of peace, the Western Cape region of NOSC has called for the use of neutral symbols at matches. The fluttering in the dovecotes remains consid-

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Internal strife shakes the foundations of rugby league

THE scrummage for power in rugby league is threatening to collapse into an unruly heap. With little more than a week to the start of the season, the professional and amateur sides of the game have em-barked on a disruptive beaveto which could land the sport on its backside.

At the centre of the trouble is the question of which body, amateur or professional, should control the development of youth rugby league and, after two decades of argument, the answer is nowhere in sight

The Rugby Football League (RFL), which controls the professionals, and the British Amateur Rugby League AssoChristopher Irvine on a long-running dispute that has served to divide a

sport's amateur and professional bodies

ciation (Baria) have been at each other's throats for most of the 19 years they have administered the separate branches of the game. Barla was created in 1973 to strengthen the amateur side of what had, since its creation

in 1895, always been considered a professional game.
Yesterday, feelings between the two bodies seemed to have reached a new high or low - with an extraordinary two-page statement issued by David Oxley, the RFL's chief executive. Oxley accused Barla of "poisoning young minds" by its decision to ban any of the young amateurs from its leagues if they play in the Academy, the RFL's entirely

separate youth league.

The Academy was launched by the professional clubs last been caused entirely by ason in order to promote Barla's "hateful piece of legislation". excellence among aspiring players, but without the ap-proval of Barla, whose offici-

als suspected that it was a subtle attempt to undermine their own authority.
The two bodies have since ended peace talks brokered last year, and have been fixing bayonets in the sum-mer months. Barla has de-

clared that it no longer recognises the Rugby League Academy. The RFL, in turn, has said it no longer recognises Barta. In his statement yesterday. Oxley said the trouble between the Rugby League and the amateur authorities had

which effectively prevents amateurs playing in the Acad-

disgraceful and

doors on players who see the Academy as the way into the professional game, but who do not eventually make it. Oxley said the Rugby League would be prepared to protect the amateur status of its Academy players, through the courts if necessary. He also took a swipe at the

enty league. "This right is a basic tenet of the amateur growth figures claimed by Bada and contained in the ethos in sport. Any amateur sportsman must be free to documents submitted to the choose where and when he Sports Council, of which that body bases its grant aid to Baria, are Hans Christian will play," Oxley added. By stripping youngsters of their amateur status, Barla Andersen gone mad," Oxley will, indeed, be closing the

assumed growth of the ama-teur game, the basis for the Sports Council's £160,000

will have suffered at a time when it is seeking greater national recognition. On October 24, Great Britain meet Australia in the World Cup final at Wembley, when the contribute will be on the code. Baria, needless to say, respotlight will be on the code.
Before then, the RFL would jects that suggestion. "Just when will this seemingly endless and costly campaign to squash the amateur game cease?" Allan Gibb, the Barla chairman, said. "All the amateur game wants to do is to get on with its proven success in developing the game at grass-roots level and providing support for the profes-sional chibs."

do well to recall the pre-Barla days of the early Seventies when the game was disorganised and dying on its feet. The combined efforts of both sides have succeeded both sides have succeeded in resurrecting rugby league. Without conciliation, the bad old days could be a thing of the future.